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Miss White Tells Of European Trip

Writes Interestingly of Journey With Westminster Choir; Three Months Abroad

By MISS FRANCES WHITE

Miss Frances White, of Scotland Neck, who formerly taught public school music in the Smithfield school, returned a few weeks ago from a three-months' trip abroad with the Westminster choir. While in Europe, Miss White wrote to friends here of her trip and the Herald carried some extracts from some of these letters. The following account however, which is more complete, will be of interest to our readers:

From March 26 when the S. S. Leviathan landed at Southampton, England, with its cargo of 2,099 passengers until June 1, when the S. S. George Washington landed us safely at Hoboken, each day seemed as a day spent in fairyland, experiencing one thrill only to be augmented by many others, such as the old country has to offer the American student and tourist.

England was our first country and in order to do justice to her, we made London our first stop. "So this is London" was the first thought that came to my mind as we rolled into the station there. London is the largest city in the world, but not nearly so gay as New York. Our two weeks stay in London was quite filled with interesting places and things.

Westminster Abbey is a thing of beauty—dating back to 1066 when William the Conqueror reigned. It has been called the coronation church since that time. The Chapter house or Ancient Parliament House (1215) was built by Henry III. The Whipping post is in the center of the room, and around the room are the seats where members of Parliament sat and discussed matters of State. The beautiful Mosaic floor was laid in 1275. Visitors are requested to put on the rubber sandals over their shoes before going on the floor. This is done to protect the floor that is already showing signs of markings. An expert from New York was sent over to London last year to copy the design in this floor in order to duplicate it in the Cathedral of St. John, the Divine in New York City.

From the Parliament room, we went into the different rooms where members of the royal families were buried and saw their tombs and royal regalia as it appeared when they last wore it. From there we went into the wax room where the Kings and Queens were represented by wax figures—appearing just as they were when they died. Then on to the service held in the Coronation Chapel and saw the coronation chair. The head of the cross is the altar and the foot is the grave of the Unknown Soldier.

Buckingham Palace proved another interesting place. This is the residence of King George V. When the King and Queen are at their London home, the guard change every day at 10:30 a. m. This is never open to sight-seers but we managed to get quite an eye-full from the outside. There are 800 men in the regiment and about 30 in the King's body guard. Each man has to be six feet tall to be a member of the body guard.

The London Tower is not a Turn to page five

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston County, and to the one deciphering their name and presenting a copy of this paper to the Herald office, we will present a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Charles Johnson deciphered his name last issue. TODAY'S TANTALIZER mnyobntabsoertio

Blye Gulley



EAGLE SCOUT and Assistant Camp Director of Camp Tuscarora which has just closed a successful season.

Renew Interest In Neglected Link

Johnston and Harnett Citizens Unite To Get State Highway Connecting No. 53 With Lillington and Smithfield via Angier

ANGIER, July 29—A delegation of citizens representing various organizations in Smithfield and Lillington met with business men of Angier Thursday to formulate plans to induce the State Highway Commission to take over the road from route 53 to Lillington and Smithfield via Angier. Among the many present were Judge F. H. Brooks, J. A. Wellens and J. D. Parker, spokesman for the Johnston county delegation; Ex-Senator Walter Byrd, H. M. Spears, Mr. Tugwell and J. C. Thompson, representing the Lillington delegation, and prominent citizens identified with one county governments in Johnston and Harnett.

It was pointed out that the original Highway Act, by express clause, contemplated the principal towns and county seats would be connected by the State System of Highways, and that Lillington and Smithfield, approximately 35 miles apart, have not been so connected except by a very long and circuitous route. The county commissioners of both Harnett and Johnston counties have adopted resolutions several weeks ago petitioning the Highway Commission to add the road from Lillington to Smithfield via Angier to the State System. Harnett county has recently completed a good road from Lillington to the Johnston county line with the expectation that the Highway Commission would take it over, and the commission holds in readiness some several hundred thousands of dollars of Johnston county money to be used in the building of highways in Johnston county at the request of that county. Also, Harnett county has constructed a road, under state engineers' supervision from Lillington to Manchester, and the addition of the proposed road to the State System would connect three county seats and serve a large and populous territory not traversed by a state highway. To serve the large population and to conform with the law and in interest of good engineering, it was indicated that the best and shortest route would be by way of Angier.

A permanent organization for the accomplishment of the proposed new highway was perfected. William Morgan, prominent lumberman, of Angier, was named as chairman of the organization, and a committee of citizens of Lillington, Angier and Smithfield are cooperating in the movement. It was the consensus of opinion of the gathering that the need for a state highway is no greater in eastern Carolina than that proposed.

Raised Fine Tomatoes. Mr. J. L. Davis, of Pine Level, route 1, was in town Saturday and gave the Herald office a call. Mr. Davis has raised some fine tomatoes this year. Four weighed a total of four pounds and a half. New Stone is the variety planted.

Mrs. Narron Raises Fine Zinnias. Mrs. J. A. Narron, Sr., presented the Herald with a bowl of lovely zinnias Saturday which have been much admired since being placed in our office. They are Busbank's Pastel zinnias, and truly they run the gamut of pastel shades including saffron, yellow, coral, mauve, bronze, ivory, orange gold, burnt sienna and old rose. Those familiar with Mrs. Narron's home grounds are well aware that she takes unusual pride in her flowers and shrubbery. On several occasions she has taken the prize for having the most beautiful yard in town.

Board Of Trade Is Now Reality

S. T. Honeycutt Is Chosen President With J. H. Abell Sec.-Treas.; Promotion Tobacco Market Chief Aim

A Board of Trade for Smithfield, which has as its purpose the promotion of the best interests of the town of Smithfield in any line of business and industry, and especially the development to the utmost its possibilities as a tobacco market, became a reality Friday evening when citizens met in the courthouse and adopted recommendations made by a committee from the Kiwanis club.

R. P. Holding presided over the meeting and there was an open discussion as to the desirability of forming such an organization. The sentiment seemed to be unanimous and the group proceeded to adopt the by-laws. The by-laws call for the election of certain officers which were chosen as follows: president, Sam T. Honeycutt; vice-president, W. C. Beasley; secretary-treasurer, J. H. Abell; publicity director, George Y. Ragsdale.

The by-laws also call for the election of a board of directors of not more than seven members, and the following persons were selected: W. M. Sanders, R. P. Holding, W. N. Holt, H. L. Skinner, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, E. J. Wellens and J. D. Underwood.

The by-laws provide that the board of directors shall appoint a finance committee and a membership committee and such other committees as may appear necessary for the accomplishing of the purposes of the organization. All officers shall serve without compensation. Any citizen of Johnston county interested in the welfare of the town of Smithfield is eligible for membership, and the membership fee will be one dollar per year, the amount thus raised to be used for incidental expenses, such as postage and stationery.

Before the meeting adjourned, a telegram was read from Holton and Dixon Wallace, managers of the Planters Warehouse here, who are now on the Georgia market, giving their opinion as to the tobacco situation.

After the meeting had adjourned, the board of directors met and named the finance committee, which will begin work at once soliciting funds to forward the interests of the tobacco market here, the promotion of which will be the chief concern, for the present, of the board of trade. The finance committee is composed of Dr. W. J. B. Orr, W. M. Sanders, W. C. Beasley, Carl Gordon and W. W. Jordan.

The membership committee will be chosen at a meeting to be held soon. A number of citizens, however, have already given their names for membership, the charter members being as follows: R. P. Holding, W. C. Beasley, S. D. Mitchell, T. E. Burtis, W. M. Sanders, William Wellens, J. D. Underwood, L. G. Patterson, H. L. Skinner, Charlie Creech, E. J. Wellens, R. R. Holt, F. T. H. Brooks, T. R. Hood, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, Dr. L. D. Wharton, Rev. Chester Alexander, Norman Shepard, Dr. J. W. Whitehead, E. L. Woodall, H. C. Hood, M. B. Strickland, W. M. Gaskin, D. B. Jones, A. J. Whitley, Jr., S. B. James, S. T. Honeycutt, J. H. Abell, Geo. Y. Ragsdale, Dr. W. J. B. Orr, W. N. Holt, Carl Gordon, and W. W. Jordan.

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J. A. Underhill Ends Own Life With Gun

Tragedy Occurs At His Home Near Selma; Cause Unknown; Junior Order in Charge of Burial Here This Morning

An untimely occurrence took place Saturday evening about eight o'clock when, from all indications, Mr. J. A. Underhill took his own life at his home one mile north of Selma. Mr. Underhill had plowed all day. When he came to the house his wife asked him if he were ready for supper. He told her he preferred to clean up first and he went into his room and took a bath. While Mrs. Underhill was putting supper on the table, she heard a gun fire in his room and heard him fall.

She rushed to him but he died almost instantly.

A coroner's inquest was held and the verdict of the jury was that he came to his death by means of a shotgun in his own hands. There seems to be no reason for the tragic happening as Mr. Underhill seemed to be in his usual health and apparently there were no financial or domestic worries. The deceased was sixty-four years of age.

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S. B. Johnson Dies Suddenly Here

Funeral Will Be Held This Afternoon at Residence Conducted by Rev. J. D. Bundy

Yesterday afternoon about two o'clock Mr. S. B. Johnson died suddenly at his home here. He and his son, William Johnson, went to the lot after dinner to hitch up a team to go to his farm near town to do some plowing. While the attention of his son was engaged in another part of the lot, Mr. Johnson evidently had an attack of apoplexy and fell dead. When the boy came to where his father had been in the act of putting the bridle on the mule he saw his father prostrate on the ground. Medical aid was summoned but Mr. Johnson was already dead.

The deceased was sixty-seven years of age. He had lived an active life and so far as is known had not complained particularly of any ill-health. The deceased had been identified with the business life of Smithfield for a long time. For a number of years he ran a tin shop but in recent years he had operated a store near his home on the edge of town on highway No. 22 and had directed his attention to his farm. He was thrifty and had accumulated considerable property.

He is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Nora Morgan; by a daughter, Mrs. J. L. Dupree; and by one son, William Johnson.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at four o'clock at the residence. The service will be conducted by Rev. J. D. Bundy, pastor of the Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member.

COUNTY-WIDE TENNIS TOURNAMENT AUG. 1

Beginning August 1 there will be a ten-day tennis tournament in Smithfield sponsored by the Smithfield Tennis club. No one in Johnston county is to be restricted. It is open to every one. There will be a handsome loving cup given for first prize in singles. There will also be given appropriate first and second prizes in doubles.

It is hoped that every tennis lover in the county will enter his name in this tournament and those wishing to do so will communicate with Captain H. L. Johnson, Smithfield.

The matches will be held on the new court at the National Guard Armory, and Captain Johnson will be glad to supply entrants with dates and time of matches.

ALL DAY SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S GROVE

There will be an all day service at St. Mary's Grove church next Sunday including communion, washing feet, preaching and singing. Everybody is invited to attend and carry well filled baskets. A good service is expected.

Joint Meeting Of Medical Societies

Benson Physicians and Dentists Hosts to Medical Societies of Johnston and Harnett; Dr. Odell and Dr. Whitehead Speak

A joint meeting of the medical societies of Johnston and Harnett counties was held at Benson on Thursday evening, July 25, at which time the physicians and dentists of Benson were hosts to those in attendance.

After enjoying a sumptuous spread at the Parrish Hotel, strictly after the manner of Dr. Utley who planned the menu to suit the king's taste, a number of timely subjects were presented and discussed.

Dr. J. W. Odell of Dunn, very ably discussed "The Practice of Medicine—Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." The history of the method of the practice of medicine of "Yesterday" was contrasted with the method employed today. Until the '80's bacteriology was an unknown subject, and the practice of medicine was until then more one of art than of science. "With the discovery of the bacillus as a causative agent for disease, and with the development of the field of bacteriology the practice of medicine has taken an entirely different form, and is as much a science as an art today," continued the speaker. Continuing, the speaker predicted that the practice of medicine in the future is to be largely of the practice of methods of prevention.

Dr. J. W. Whitehead, dentist of Smithfield, discussed at some length predisposing causes for dental cares, (tooth decay). This subject was thoroughly covered by the speaker. He stated a truth, familiar to many, that the horrible tooth condition seen in many young children is due to the lack of proper food for the pregnant mother. "Calcium and phosphorus are the chief mineral salts required for tooth development, and unless the pregnant mother receives these requisites in her diet the burden falls upon her own body to supply the growing foetus, with consequent tooth decay as her reward. Much tooth destruction could be prevented in the mother, and a healthy state of tooth formation for the infant be assured should milk, which is rich in calcium and phosphorus, be systematically and abundantly added to the pregnant mother's diet."

Continuing, the speaker stressed at some length the importance of regular systematic brushing of the teeth, another truth with which most of us are familiar. "Dirty, unbrushed teeth are more prone to decay, and pyorrhea is always present in a clean mouth." In addition to the lack of proper food in early life, and the careless, indifferent attitude of the young as well as the old people, take toward the effective use of the tooth brush, other contributing causes of tooth decay were discussed. On the whole, while being scientific in nature this subject was practical in every respect.

Dr. J. F. McKay, who has been practicing medicine at Bate's Creek for fifty-five years, led an interesting discussion on some of the rarer conditions met with in the general practice of medicine. About thirty physicians and dentists were in attendance at this meeting, which was one of the most instructive and interesting held in this section within a great many years.

A vote of thanks was extended to physicians and dentists of Benson for their splendid entertainment as well as the interesting program presented.

Sells 1238 Pounds Meat.

The farmer who can drive his truck to town loaded down with hams, shoulders and sides, and sell his meat at good price has no fear of the boll weevil. That is what Mr. Stephen Westbrook of Bentonville township did last week. He brought to Smithfield 1238 pounds of meat which he sold to W. M. Sanders & Son.

Edwin Broadhurst



CHOSEN RECENTLY as Sanitary Officer of next year's camp at Camp Tuscarora; is an Eagle Scout with 15 additional merit badges.

Camp Tuscarora Comes To A Close

Two New Eagle Scouts Created: Ben Grimes and Richard Noble; Brings Smithfield's Total to Six

By BLYE GULLEY, Assistant Camp Director at Camp Tuscarora.

Camp Tuscarora closed the most successful season in the history of the camp on Sunday, July 23, after a period of four weeks. During the period of camp five new Eagle scouts were created, two of which were from the Smithfield troop. Those passing the tests were Sidney Meyers, George Heyward, Ernest Eutsler, Ben Grimes and Richard Noble. Over a hundred merit badges were earned, a large number of which were passed by Smithfield scouts. The "Lizard Patrol," made up of local boys, hung up an enviable record for the camp, in spirit, sportsmanship, camp craft, advancement, in fact in all of the camp activities.

The camp this year was located 17 miles from Goldsboro on a site owned by the council, and donated by the late Mrs. Sol Well, of Goldsboro. The scouts camped in tents, on spring cots equipped with mosquito netting. Each scout was amply fed on a balanced diet of the very best of inspected foods, and prepared by experienced cooks. Every precaution was taken for the health and safety of every boy while in camp, and not a single case of sickness nor even one minor accident was sustained during the entire time. The camp rated high in sanitation and leadership.

In the near future the camp will be equipped with log cabins and electric lights. Plans are being made for a museum to house a nature collection which will be made by the scouts themselves, and a work shop completely equipped with all tools necessary for all kinds of handicraft. A National Council representative who visited the camp has said that it is on the best location in the United States, and he has prophesied that in the near future it will become the meeting place for scouts and scout leaders of four states.

The officers who have already been selected for next year's camp are Clarence Peacock, director; Edwin Broadhurst, sanitary officer; George Edwards, athletic coach; and Sidney Meyers, secretary. Each officer must be an Eagle scout and have fifteen additional merit badges. These boys, with others to be selected in the near future, will be on hand during the Christmas holidays for a ten day winter camp, which, it is hoped, will be even better than the customary summer camp.

Since the beginning of scouting in Smithfield, the organization has produced six Eagle scouts: Charles Alfred, James Sellers, Blye Gulley, Edwin Broadhurst, Benjamin Grimes, and Richard Noble the latter four being members of the Smithfield troop at the present time.

Miss Thelma Creech III. Friends of Miss Thelma Creech of Benson will be interested to know that she is a patient at Good Hope Hospital, Erwin, having been operated on there for appendicitis last Thursday.

Two Hurt In Auto Accident

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Creech, of Laurinburg, Brought to Johnston County Hospital After Accident Near Benson

An automobile wreck which landed two in the Johnston County Hospital took place Saturday afternoon near Mingo swamp on highway 22 between Dunn and Benson, when a Chevrolet coach driven by E. D. Creech of Laurinburg, collided with a Chevrolet touring car driven by W. A. Coates of Wake county.

In the car with Mr. Creech were Mrs. Creech and their little son, E. D. Jr., Mrs. R. L. Earnest and baby, of West Palm Beach, Fla., who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Creech, in Laurinburg. They were enroute to the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Turnage near Wilson's Mills, Mrs. Creech and Mrs. Earnest being the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Turnage.

The car of Mr. Creech was torn up, and he and his wife were hurt. Mr. Creech was rendered unconscious and did not regain consciousness until some time after being taken to the hospital. He was reported to be better yesterday. Mrs. Creech suffered a broken limb, and other injuries. She is in a serious condition. Mrs. Earnest and the two children escaped with only minor bruises.

Mr. Coates was not hurt and his car escaped with only slight damage.

HOLLOMAN MOTORCADE IN CITY LAST THURSDAY

Thursday afternoon a motorcade which included all types of DeSoto cars, stopped for a short while in Smithfield. Mr. B. J. Holloman, formerly of this city was in charge of the demonstration. The parade of cars was headed by an old fashioned carriage like motor vehicle which had a horn with tones like a steamship whistle. Seated in this conveyance was a quartette of negroes who furnished music on such homey instruments as the family washboard and tin frying pans. A guitar carried the melody, and at times the quartette sang to their own accompaniment. The musicians are known as the "Washboard Quartette." The motorcade was the center of interest while in Smithfield.

More C. B. Registers Than One

In the Recorder's court proceedings published in the issue of July 19, an item stated that C. B. Register and V. C. Yarbrough were charged with violation of the prohibition law. The C. B. Register who was in court, however, is not our townsman, C. B. Register. There seems to be more than one Register with the same initials.

Aunt Roxie Opines By Me

"Now its ezy to git ter be grate, ye jist eat too much sausage for supper, walk in yo' sleep in yer pajamas and wake up famous on de front page. "P. S. Us iz too po' ter buy a airship ter kill us, so ef trawble don't kill us we'll live twel we die."

