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Smithfield Experiences Another Big Fire Loss

Four Business Houses Burn Which Entails a Loss of Around \$50,000. Selma Fire Department Called to Scene of Early Morning Blaze.

Smithfield, Feb. 16.—Fire of undetermined origin here early Tuesday morning took a toll of four business houses and a money loss of around \$50,000. The store belonging to the Smithfield Fruit Company and occupied by them, together with the adjoining store, occupied by Rose's Five and Ten-Cent store, were completely destroyed, nothing remaining but the outside front walls. The store owned by Mary Thomas, an old colored woman, and occupied by Creech's Inc., was damaged by smoke and water. Nassif Bros. suffered a considerable loss from the damage done by smoke.

The alarm was turned in about 1 o'clock and when the firemen arrived on the scene the blaze was found to be between the ceiling and the roof of the Smithfield fruit store. For over an hour the local firemen fought valiantly but the fire had gained such a hold, spreading to the roof of the Rose store, that even with the aid of the valiant fighting of the Selma fire company it was an impossible task. Flames licking skyward like hungry wolves soon made a complete wreck of the two buildings.

Mr. Ziady, proprietor of the Smithfield fruit store, stated Tuesday morning that he estimated his loss at around \$15,000, partially covered by insurance. The local manager of the Rose store has estimated the damage of his stock at \$20,000. The Rose store building, owned by Judge F. H. Brooks, entailed a loss of about \$7,000. About \$2,000 loss is thought to have been sustained by Creech's, Inc. Nassif Bros. have estimated their loss at \$1,000.

A fire which entailed a loss of about \$2,500 occurred here early on Monday morning about 4 o'clock when a residence on Johnston street belonging to Mrs. D. T. Luneford was burned. The house was vacant. Sheriff R. H. Richardson having moved out of it two or three weeks ago. The fire originated on the back porch and it is thought to have been of incendiary origin. The loss is covered by insurance.

Police believe that both fires were of an incendiary origin and are making an investigation. There was a wave of incendiary here last winter.

Death Of A Little Girl

News has been received here of the death of Dell, little ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laddie Bryant, which occurred Sunday morning at Watts Hospital in Durham. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant are well known in Selma where Mr. Bryant was engaged in the jewelry business for several years. Their many friends here deeply sympathize with them in the loss of their only child.

HAS CORN UP.

Mr. O. P. Rose, of Selma, Route 2, was in the office of the Johnstonian-Sun Wednesday morning and told about finding some corn that had come up in his field and now has several blades on it. This is one of the many instances reported from different parts of the country where vegetation and other forms of green crops are putting forth their appearance due to the unusually warm winter.

The Editor only this week had a letter from his brother, W. A. Stancil, of Detroit, Mich., who wrote that he had sprouts of rhubarb putting forth in his garden due to the mild weather there this winter. The winters in Detroit are usually pretty severe, but he reports that this is one of the mildest winters in the recollection of the oldest inhabitants of that state.

BANK AT LA GRANGE HAD ONLY 15 CENTS AT CLOSING
La Grange, Feb. 12.—Only 15 cents in cash was on hand when the National bank, of La Grange, closed December 30, a statement posted by the bank today said.

John W. Simpson is receiver for the bank which was under the same direction as the closed National bank, of Snow Hill.

The statement of the La Grange bank gave its bills receivable as \$50,223.31; other assets at \$33,383.84; unsecured deposits at about \$37,000 and secured deposits at \$46,000.

Proceedings of Recorder's Court

Tuesday, Feb. 16th.

State vs. Javie Harris, colored, age 19, for violation of the prohibition law, pleads guilty of possession of one pint of whiskey for purpose of sale. Prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost.

State vs. Henry Coy (Coit) colored laborer, aged 42, for carrying concealed weapon and trespassing. Not guilty of carrying concealed weapon. Guilty of trespassing. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs. James Willoughby, colored laborer, aged 32, for assault with deadly weapon. Guilty, and given 60 days suspended sentence upon payment of \$10 fine and cost.

State vs. Marshall Barbour, white. Carrying concealed weapon. Plea of guilty, and fined \$50 and cost.

State vs. C. A. Utley, white laborer, aged 55, for being publicly drunk and disorderly. Guilty. Utley being under suspended sentence by trial Feb. 10, 1932 for assault on his wife and suspended sentence in which he was required to refrain from drinking whiskey and violating the prohibition laws, and the court finding that he has violated said judgment, he is therefore ordered to be confined in Johnston County jail for 60 days and assigned to work public roads. The balance of six months sentence is to remain suspended during good behavior of defendant.

State vs. Margolis Griffin, colored laborer, aged 20, for assault with deadly weapon. Not guilty.

State vs. Luther Jernigan, white farmer, aged 29, for violation of the prohibition law. Plea of guilty as to possession of still outfit and manufacturing 3 gallons of whiskey. Fined \$25 and costs. Jurisdiction reserved until December 1, 1932.

State vs. Lem Bryant, white farmer, aged 19, for violation of the prohibition law. Plea of guilty as to possession of still outfit and manufacturing 3 gallons of whiskey. \$25 fine and cost. Jurisdiction reserved until December 1, 1932.

State vs. Charlie Raynor, colored farmer, and Will Cox, colored farmer, for larceny. Examination waived and defendant bound to Superior Court under same bond.

State vs. A. T. Batten, white farmer, aged 31, for larceny. Guilty of aiding and abetting in larceny of meat, etc. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs. B. L. Partin, white farmer. Drunk and disorderly. Case instituted before Justice of Peace and is ordered-remanded to Ed S. Coats, J. P.

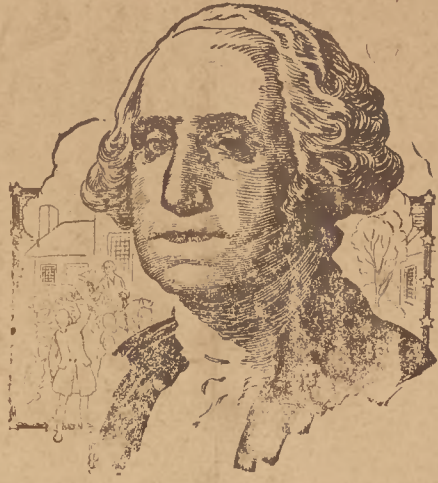
State vs. C. P. Massey, white farmer. Defendant in court on capias for non-payment of cost. Defendant was tried and convicted of giving two worthless checks under 1929 statutes and prayer for judgment is continued upon payment of cost. It is therefore ordered that defendant be confined in jail of Johnston county for 60 days and assigned to work on roads.

Mr. E. V. Deans, Jr., Has Article in College Magazine

The Carolina Magazine, the official literary organ of the student body of the University of North Carolina, and the oldest college magazine in the United States, has a very interesting article in its issue of Sunday, February 14th, entitled "A Fantasy in Jazz Sharp," written by Mr. E. V. Deans, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Deans, of Selma. The article is eight columns in length and is divided into eight chapters. Mr. Deans is a regular contributor to the College Magazine. We regret that we do not have space to reproduce the entire article.

FORT BRAGG SOLDIER SAID TO BE HEIR TO BIG FORTUNE

Fayetteville, Feb. 11.—Bewildered by the unexpected good fortune which has apparently come to him, Private Edward E. Spivey, of Fort Bragg, is today preparing to claim \$2,500,000 said to have been left him by a relative in California. Spivey has received a letter from his brother in Tampa, Fla., telling him that the relative, Judge Gordon P. Bridges, died recently in California and bequeathed his estate to Edward. The latter stated that the estate is estimated to be worth two and a half million dollars. The brother also said that lawyers in Tampa were forwarding papers to be signed by Private Spivey in order to qualify as the legatee.



EVERY STATE, CITY AND TOWN TO PARTICIPATE IN NINE MONTHS' BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

These points should be emphasized with respect to the celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington this year:

1—It is sponsored by the United States Government: Congress created the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission and the President of the United States is its chairman.

2—It will not be a world's fair or exposition, and it will not be held in any one place.

3—It will be a nation-wide, even a world-wide series of celebrations in which every state, city and town—every organization and institution, every home and individual—in this country, together with Americans and others in many foreign countries, will participate. Every community is expected to plan and carry out its own program of events, in cooperation with the United States Commissioner and the State Commissions.

4—It will last from Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1932, to Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1932, with special local and national celebrations everywhere on all holidays, anniversaries, or other days which can be connected with the life of George Washington.

5—While the ceremonies on February 22 should be especially elaborate and impressive, as marking the actual Two Hundredth Anniversary of George Washington's Birth, arrangements also should be made for public gatherings, pageants, plays, processions, musical festivals, tableaux and other events at various times during the entire period of more than nine months. Every program should relate to the great life and work of the First President and Founder of the Republic. On Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and other national and local holidays or anniversaries there should be special programs, but the celebration should not be confined to these days.

6—It will take time to prepare the local programs and arrange for the local celebrations. The United States Commission urges mayors and other officials of every city and town in the country to appoint George Washington Bicentennial Commissions or Committees in order to prepare for the events of the Bicentennial Year.

7—All organizations and institutions of whatever character—civic, business, labor, educational, religious, fraternal, literary, social and others—are urged to plan for a "George Washington Year" in 1932.

8—The United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission, Washington Building, Washington, D. C., will send suggestions for local programs to any committee, organization or group that will write for them.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Smithfield, Feb. 17.—Hazel Riley, of Selma, was admitted to the hospital on February 10th, for an operation for appendicitis. She is improving.

Mr. J. B. Coats, of Smithfield, was admitted to the hospital on the 11th, following removal of his tonsils, to recuperate. He returned to his home on the 12th.

Mrs. Clarence Johnson, of Smithfield, was admitted to the hospital on the 12th, for a major operation, and is improving nicely.

Little Endell Renfrow, of Kenly, was admitted on the 11th, for a minor operation and left for her home yesterday.

Mr. Stewart Davis, of Wilson, was admitted on the 12th, for treatment, and left for his home yesterday.

Mr. R. L. Marlow, of Selma, was admitted on the 14th, and underwent a major operation on the 15th. He is doing nicely.

Mr. W. G. Lee, of Four Oaks, was admitted on the 15th, for treatment, and is improving nicely.

Mrs. W. B. Johnson, of Selma, was admitted to the hospital for treatment, on the 16th, and is getting along fine.

Mr. G. F. Brown, of Micro, was admitted on the 16th, at which time he underwent an operation for appendicitis, and is improving nicely.

Butler Jordan, colored, of Princeton, was admitted on the 16th, and underwent an operation for appendicitis on the same date. He is improving.

Mr. Elmer Wellons, Jr., of Smithfield, was admitted today, and underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. A. G. Register, of Dunn, was admitted on the 17th, with a fractured knee.

Mrs. Gus Rigas, of Smithfield, was admitted today for treatment.

B. F. Proctor Buys the Lee Store Here

It is with much interest that the people of Selma and its adjoining trade territory to learn that ownership of the Lee Store in Selma has been acquired by Mr. B. F. Proctor.

Mr. Proctor has had charge of the management of the Lee Store here for several months, but not until recently did he become the owner.

The sale was consummated during the latter part of last week and Mr. Proctor now has complete charge of the business here. Since coming to Selma last year Mr. Proctor has made many friends in Selma and throughout various parts of Johnston County who welcome him in his new field of endeavor. Since coming to Selma about two years ago, the Lee Store has been recognized as one of the leading businesses of its kind in the entire section which fills a need and a long-felt want in the community; and under the direction of its new head we predict for it a very successful future.

MUCH CASH IS LEFT TO A MAN IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—An inventory of the estate of Dr. Richard Fullerton Penrose, Jr., made public today, shows that \$3,362,936 of his \$10,040,142 estate was in cash. Court attaches said it probably is the largest amount of cash ever left by an American.

Poultrymen in Alexander County have organized a county mutual exchange to sell poultry and eggs through the North Carolina State Poultry Exchange.

Dr. North Dies of Heart Attack

Funeral Services For Presiding Elder Held Friday at Laurinburg.

Dr. Harry M. North, presiding elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and one of the most widely known and best beloved ministers of his church, died suddenly at noon yesterday. Dr. North was stricken at the district parsonage and died before a physician could reach him.

The body, which is now at the Brown Funeral Parlors, will be removed to Laurinburg this morning at 9 o'clock and funeral services will be held at the Methodist church there Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. M. Y. Self, the pastor, assisted by Dr. F. S. Love, pastor of the Edenton Street Methodist church, here. All pastors of the Raleigh district have been requested to assemble at the church in a body.

Dr. North, who was 56 years of age, served some of the most prominent churches in the North Carolina Conference and had also been presiding elder of the Kinston and Wilmington districts, prior to being assigned to the Raleigh district two years ago. At one time, he was also pastor of the Edenton Street Methodist church here.

Dr. North was for many years a trustee of Duke University, of which he was an alumnus, and for the past several years had been the conference secretary of Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, of Charlotte.

Dr. North was born in Shelby, the son of Dr. J. W. North and Cynthia Wells North. His father was a Methodist minister for 44 years and an older brother, Dr. W. B. North, who died last July, served the church as a minister for 50 years, all having been members of the North Carolina Conference.

Dr. North, who was a bachelor, is survived by two sisters, Mrs. T. J. Gill, of Laurinburg, and Mrs. W. E. Severent, of Lake City, S. C., and by one brother, T. K. North, of DeLand, Fla. A sister-in-law, Mrs. W. B. North, of Raleigh, and a nephew, Edwin M. Gill, private secretary to Governor O. Max Gardner, also survive.—News and Observer, Feb. 12.

Thieves Steal Iron Safe From Selma Store

During the wee hours of the night on last Friday morning, a motor truck was seen to drive off from in front of Mr. N. B. Snipes' store in Selma, Night Policeman J. L. Gurley witnessing its departure. Policeman Gurley becoming suspicious began firing his pistol toward the truck, but it sped away without hesitation, and upon investigation it was found that entrance had been made through the front door to the store and a small iron safe weighing about 700 pounds located at the rear of the store had been carried out through the front door and loaded on the truck. The safe contained \$300 in money and many valuable papers.

Mr. Snipes was immediately notified of the theft and a search was begun to locate the safe. Late that afternoon news came that some children had found an iron safe while playing at a saw-dust pile on the Archer Lodge road a few miles north of Selma. Mr. Snipes hurried to the scene and found that it was his safe. The safe had been broken into and the money taken from it, but all the other papers were still in tact unmolesated.

Some time during the day Thursday Mr. Snipes said that a strange fish dealer called at his store driving a fish truck and that he bought some fish from him and when he paid for the fish he went to his safe to get the change and that the fish salesman went back to near the safe where his money was. Policeman Gurley said that the truck which he saw pull away from Mr. Snipes' store looked to be a fish truck, and it is thought that the fish salesman from whom Mr. Snipes bought some fish the day before are the ones who carried off his safe and his \$300 in money.

OLD MAIDS CONVENTION

An "Old Maids' Convention" will be given at the Selma High School auditorium Thursday evening at 7:30 (tonight). Admission 10 and 20c. A Yo Yo Contest follows immediately, in which any one who wishes to do so, may take part and compete for the prizes.

North Carolinian Wins Automobile



PAUL R. VESTAL, 822 Silver Avenue, Greensboro, has just been notified that he won the 197th automobile in the daily nation-wide Creemo contest announced each week-day night over the Columbia network. Mr. Vestal was born in Greensboro in 1910, is unmarried and has been engaged in the banking business for three years. He has his choice of a Ford, Chevrolet or Plymouth automobile as a reward for writing the winning statement.

Selma to Celebrate George Washington Bicentennial

Under the auspices of the Selma Woman's club, various programs will be given during the next several months to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington. The initial program will be a union religious service in the Baptist church on Sunday February 21, at 7:30 p. m. Every citizen of Selma and community is given a most cordial invitation to attend this service, and the Masons, Juniors, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts will be asked to sit in a body.

The United States Congress appreciated the importance of this Anniversary seven years ago when it appointed a George Washington Bicentennial Commission to plan and direct a celebration in 1932, with the President of the United States, Chairman of the Commission.

The aim of the Commission is to arrange a celebration in keeping with the motive expressed by Congress, "that future generations of American citizens may live according to the example and precepts of his exalted life and character and thus perpetuate the American Republic." The Commission has contacted every school, college, and church, every organization of women, girls, and boys, and all fraternal and civic organizations and it has aided each with programs, historical literature, plays, pageants, conical music, and general suggestions. As a character building event, stimulating research, straight thinking and an exalted type of citizenship, it will be unparalleled in the world's history.

Beginning the 22nd of February the celebration will continue through Thanksgiving day. During this period of over nine months the thought of the American people will be crystallized in a nation-wide demonstration of homage and gratitude to the man who won our independence and founded this great nation.

Among other celebrations which will be slated later are an extensive tree planting and a patriotic pageant by the school. But fine as all the memorial activities are, the real celebration must be in the heart of the American people. We are indebted to George Washington for our independence and the founding of our nation, and it behooves us to pause and think of the price that was paid for the liberty and privileges we enjoy today.

Mrs. J. M. O'Neal, President, Selma Woman's Club

MRS. C. B. AYCOCK TO SPEAK IN SELMA THE 22ND

Much interest is being manifest among Selma people over the news that Mrs. C. B. Aycock, of Raleigh, is expected to be speaker guest at the Parent-Teachers Association to be held in the Selma High School auditorium on Monday night, February 22nd. A good attendance is requested and confidentially looked for at that time.

The county farm agent in Alamance County is developing competition among his 4-H clubs this winter by arranging a series of basket ball contests.