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Interesting News Items From The County Seat

Home of Robert G. Sanders Burned Sunday—Hail Storms Do Damage In County—Mr. John A. King Passes Almost Suddenly.

Smithfield, April 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Sanders had the misfortune to lose their home by fire Sunday about one o'clock in the afternoon. The family was at dinner and when Mrs. Sanders went into the kitchen for some ice cream she heard a crackling noise and looked up and saw the flames around the stove flue. When discovered, the flames appeared to be confined to a small section around the flue. Mr. Sanders went up on the roof, ripped off some shingles, and poured in several buckets of water in the hope of saving the building, but soon discovered that the flames were rapidly spreading and he came down and began trying to save his household goods; the whole building was soon in flames and very little was saved. The home was just outside of the city limits. The fire company responded to the alarm but no water was available. It was a one-story room frame building, constructed of pine lumber, and it burned rapidly. Several members of the family lost all their clothing except what they were wearing at the time of the fire. The loss is understood to be partially covered by insurance as to the house, but that no insurance was in force on the household furnishings at the time of the fire. The family has moved to the home of Dr. A. H. Rose on North Third Street, where Dr. and Mrs. Rose lived until recently.

Several reports of damage from winds and hail have reached Smithfield this week.

Sunday night between eight and nine o'clock a nice and much needed rain fell in Smithfield and the rain was accompanied by a liberal sprinkling of hail. Soon after the storm cloud had passed over a telephone message was received from the Crantock Farm of Mr. William Sanders stating that the ground there was three inches deep with hail. Mr. Daniel Jones got on his car and drove out to the farm which is about 7 miles west of Smithfield, arriving there about an hour after the storm had passed. Mr. Jones reported that when he reached the farm the ground looked as if there had been a snowstorm, that his automobile tires sank down in the ice about the distance of the thickness of the tires, and that on the porch of the house where Mr. J. Y. Baker lives the hail had drifted up until it was 5 inches deep.

The worst of this storm appears to have closely followed down Middle Creek. It was said that at the home of Mr. Andrew Johnson on the south side of the creek, baskets of hail could have been raked up the next day.

In this section tobacco plants, early garden vegetables and fruit crops are said to be almost a complete loss. Considerable damage was reported from Pleasant Grove township by the same storm.

Another storm which is said to have reached the proportions of a small cyclone, passed through the Bentonville section, between 3 and 4 o'clock Tuesday morning. This storm, which was said to have been accompanied by a great roaring noise passed near the home of Postmaster J. M. Beasley at Bentonville. Uprooted trees and scattered things generally in its path.

News has been received here of the death of Mr. John King, father of Mrs. Kirby Rose of Smithfield. Mr. King, who was a prominent farmer of the Spilona section of this county, died yesterday at his home, almost suddenly, of angina pectoris, with which he had been a sufferer for some time. He was said to have begun complaining early yesterday of severe pains in his arms and shoulders and later the pains spread through his body. He got in bed and grew rapidly worse until death ended his sufferings. He was said to have been conscious to the last, and to have said to a member of the family about a minute before he breathed his last that his sufferings were unexpressible.

Tobacco Plants Badly Damaged

Specialist Finds After Survey That
Lack of Plants May Cut the
Acreage 35 Per Cent.

While the blue mold disease continues to spread in tobacco plant beds throughout eastern North Carolina, the early April cold snap and the present epidemic of flea bugs have done more damage to the young plants than anything else, says E. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist at State College. Mr. Floyd returned to the college Sunday after a week in the field aiding tobacco farmers in trying to save their present supply of plants.

The specialist sticks to his earlier estimate that lack of plants will not reduce the tobacco acreage of North Carolina more than 35 per cent of what it was in 1931. He says that the earlier beds which were properly sprayed have a good quality of plants. A large number of growers report that they did not get control by spraying with the Bordeaux mixture. In most cases, however, this was due to not preparing the mixture properly and not getting good coverage of the plants. It is absolutely necessary to get thorough coverage of the plants and to keep all the new growth covered as it appears.

The recent dry weather has controlled the disease to some extent; however, the early morning dews have been heavy enough to keep the disease spreading. Mr. Floyd found a number of fine beds last week in which there was no cold injury nor any trouble from either flea bugs or blue mold. Such beds were on a rich loamy soil that was well drained. These beds have nice, healthy plants particularly where they were protected from the north and west winds. This indicates, says Mr. Floyd, that growers must plan to put their beds in the woods, where the young plants will be protected rather than locating them in the open fields on light, sandy soils.

If there is a continuation of the present warm, spring weather, Mr. Floyd expects the tobacco plants to grow off so that planting may be completed in Eastern Carolina by May 10. This will give plenty of time to produce a quality crop. He also finds that farmers in the east especially are using more precautions this season in taking care of their tobacco. He urges them to set the plants in the open field in the afternoon to help save the supply on hand. If there is a normal season from now on, the quality of the crop grown this year will show a considerable improvement over that of last year due to the careful precautions being taken, he says.

\$500,000 Advertising Campaign Is Started

A four-year service plan, protecting the new purchaser of a General Electric refrigerator against all service costs on the refrigerating mechanism for four years, was announced today by P. B. Zimmerman, general manager of the company's refrigeration department.

Inauguration of the plan was accompanied by the launching of a special nation-wide \$500,000 advertising and sales promotion campaign, according to L. W. Driscoll, president of the L. W. Driscoll, Inc., distributors in the North Carolina territory for the product. This campaign is in addition to the huge advertising program scheduled for the year.

"During the past four years, the public has invested more than \$300,000,000 in General Electric refrigerators," Zimmerman's announcement read, "and the outstanding performance record which our product has established in well over a million and a quarter kitchens has resulted in our inaugurating the four-year service plan.

"General Electric research laboratory scientists and engineers labored for a decade and a half before the refrigerator was perfected and placed on the market. As a result of performance in the homes of users, General Electric offered two additional years' guarantee beyond the standard one-year warranty upon its

Proceedings of County Recorder's Court

Wednesday, April 6th.

State vs. Walter K. Eason, white farmer, aged 50, for assault and profane and indecent language. Not guilty.

State vs. Eddie Batchelor, white farmer, aged 28, for larceny of wagon wheel, etc., value less than \$20. Not guilty. Larceny of 54 feet of lumber, value less than \$20.00, guilty, and fined \$10 and cost. Appeal.

State vs. Douglas Hobby, white clerk, aged 32, for careless and reckless driving. Guilty, and fined \$25 and cost.

State vs. Jack Capps, white laborer, aged 36, and Annie Wiggs, white female, aged 30, for fornication and adultery. Both guilty. Defendant Capps given 3 months on roads. Defendant Wiggs sentenced to 6 months in jail and assigned to the care and custody of Mrs. D. J. Thurston. Both appeal. Bond fixed at \$200.00. Capps committed to county home April 8th.

State vs. Joe O'Neal, colored laborer, aged 19, for assault with deadly weapon. Not guilty.

State vs. James A. Sanders, colored laborer, aged 18, for assault with deadly weapon, carrying concealed weapon. Not guilty of assault with deadly weapon. Guilty of carrying concealed weapon (pocket knife) \$10 fine and cost.

State vs. J. W. Dupree, white farmer, aged 57, for abandonment and non-support. Guilty. Continue prayer for judgment upon condition that defendant pays to Mrs. D. J. Thurston, welfare officer, the sum of \$1.50 per week for the use and benefit of Mrs. J. W. Dupree, and defendant ordered and directed to pay cost of action. Said payments above mentioned to continue until further order of this court.

Tuesday, April 12th.

State vs. Hubert Pilkington, white farmer, aged 18, defendant being in court on capias for violation of suspended sentence set out in former trial. Defendant admits the violation. Whereupon the defendant is ordered confined in jail as set out in original judgments.

State vs. John Redd, colored laborer, aged 32, for violation of prohibition law. Guilty of possession of 5 1-2 pints of whiskey for purpose of sale, and given 90 days on roads.

State vs. Russell Hogin, white laborer, aged 20, for larceny of emery rock and stand, value less than \$20. Defendant pleads guilty, and is given 6 months on roads.

State vs. L. Johnson, for larceny. Not pros, with leave.

State vs. Albert Earp, for house-breaking and larceny. Not pros with leave.

State vs. Bennie Stanley, white laborer, for violation of prohibition law. Guilty of possession of 1 pint of whiskey for purpose of sale, and sentenced to 60 days on roads.

State vs. Red Stanley, white laborer, for violation of prohibition law. Guilty of possession and transportation of one-half gallon of whiskey. Sentenced to 4 months on roads. Appeal, with \$200 bond.

State vs. Red Stanley, for store-breaking and larceny. Probable cause found and defendant bound to Superior Court. Bond \$1000.00.

State vs. Red Stanley, for larceny of car. Probable cause found and defendant bound to Superior Court. Bond fixed at \$1000.00.

State vs. William P. Hicks, for store-breaking and larceny. Probable cause found, and defendant bound to Superior Court. Bond \$1000.00.

refrigerator. Now, after 20 years of research, including the experience of four years of actual field service, General Electric offers a service contract protecting each buyer against all service and repair charges on the Monitor Top mechanism for three additional years beyond the standard one-year warranty."

To better picture what the new plan means, the announcement pointed out that the average automobile is driven 60,000 miles, which at 30 miles an hour would mean 2,000 operating hours. In a single year, an automatic refrigerator must operate more than 3,000 hours, the announcement continued, and in four years the mechanism of the refrigerator will have to equal the average lifetime wear of more than six automobiles.

An intensive sales campaign in the North Carolina territory will be launched immediately, the local distributor said.

J. M. Byrd Nominated For Congress In 7th

Republicans In District Convention
At Lumberton Look to Harnett
County Man To Make Race.

Lumberton, April 21.—John McKay Byrd, of Coats, former representative, sheriff and register of Deeds of Harnett county, was nominated for Congress in the seventh district by Republicans who gathered here in convention today. At first declining to run, Mr. Byrd placed in nomination Louis Goodman, of Wilmington, but Byrd was elected by acclamation. He agreed to take the matter under advisement and promised a definite answer tomorrow.

Louis Goodman was named presidential elector. Irvin B. Tucker, of Whiteville, and J. H. Niggle, of New Hanover, were unanimously elected delegates to the national convention in Chicago, with Dr. L. Baggett and Dennis Downing as alternates.

Members of the State executive committee were re-elected as follows: Irvin B. Tucker, Columbus; R. W. Herring, Cumberland; W. P. Byrd, Harnett; Louis Goodman, New Hanover; A. E. Howard, Robeson. Following the convention, the district executive committee, composed of chairmen of the several county committees, met and selected Dennis Downing chairman.

Walter Byrd, of Harnett, lauded President Hoover. Business interests have confidence in the Republican party—they have put the party over and will do it this time if it is done, he said.

Storm Causes Much Damage At Abendeen

Aberdeen, April 25.—During a violent electric storm, accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain, the most destructive hail storm in the memory of the oldest inhabitants visited this section last Sunday afternoon. Some of the stones were as large as small apples, and fell in such profusion that the ground and house-tops were soon thickly covered.

The storm seemed to center in its violence around Aberdeen, though it did considerable damage as far up as Candor and as far down as Montrose. The peach crop throughout this section will doubtless pay a heavy toll as the result of this storm.

Tobacco beds and small gardens also suffered greatly. Most of the farmers are replanting their beans and tomatoes.

The tops of automobiles caught out in the storm look as though they had been through a heavy barrage of bullets and the leaves were literally stripped from plants and trees.

Selma Policeman Finds Stolen Truck

A chevrolet truck, stolen from A. J. Whitley, Jr., last Monday night, was recovered Tuesday afternoon by Policeman J. L. Gurley, of Selma, and returned to the owner in good condition. The truck had been locked up in Mr. Whitley's garage but when Mr. Whitley went out at five o'clock Tuesday morning he found that the lock on the door of his garage had been broken, and that his truck had been taken away. He hurried over to Smithfield and reported the matter to Policeman E. A. Johnson, who notified Sheriff R. H. Richardson, and Chief Gurley of Selma. Policeman Gurley found the truck parked near the Selma school building with the gasoline tank empty. Sheriff Richardson and Deputies Parker and Stewart arrested Alton Anderson, L. Coats and a man by the name of Barbour on suspicion, and they were lodged in jail. The tracks found at the garage Tuesday are believed to have been made by these three men, as the shoes they wore were said to have fitted well into the tracks.

REV. CHESTER ALEXANDER EXPECTED TO HOLD REVIVAL

We expect Rev. Chester Alexander of Tarboro to be with us for a series of meetings near the first of June. Mr. Alexander is well known in Selma and Smithfield and many are anxiously looking forward to this meeting. Exact date will be announced soon.

Value of Kiwanis Club To a Town

Club Provides Agency For
Working Out Community
Betterment Plans.

The value of a Kiwanis Club or any other civic organization depends to a large extent upon the willingness of a community in utilizing its opportunities.

A Kiwanis Club gives to the individual member a wonderful opportunity of meeting around the luncheon table in a friendly sociable way his friends and fellow townsmen. Here he may lay aside his business cares and talk of community welfare and betterment. He may share in the common progress of the town and individual success of his fellow member. Here he has an unhampered opportunity of contributing his ideas, initiative, and energy towards a common pooling of thought that eventually finds action in a constantly growing progressive citizenship. Here he has the opportunity of hearing John Doe give expression to his opinion without prejudice or malice on what the school, the town, the churches, or any other factor that is of public value. And out of this conglomerate mass of pooled thoughts comes cohesive action that is ever upholding and maintaining the highest ideals of a community.

Many of those who do not appreciate the civic good of their community often wonder why just a handful of men in a small town will exert themselves to the extent of maintaining a Kiwanis Club. But if one would but stop and give thought to the need, he would soon realize that the small town is in need of a civic organization of this kind far more than the larger town or city, where organizations of various kinds are found in caring for the various community needs and welfare. The opportunity of the individual in the small town to meet with his fellow townsmen in an unbiased round table discussion of civic affairs is less than the individual in the city. Therefore, if he does not have this opportunity he soon becomes isolated in interest of what is going on around about him, and becomes indifferent to those ideals that make for civic progress and betterment. This mental attitude inevitably develops into an individual who loses contact with his fellow townsmen, which soon develops into a decreasing volume of business and ultimate failure. A sour disposition grows out of this condition of affairs, which means the loss of friends and intimate associations with folk, which bring to men many of the highest and noblest factors found in a day by day living.

Then too, the Kiwanis Club affords a piece of machinery through which public opinion can be crystallized and projected into action. In the city where the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations are found, one necessarily need not be so concerned about which organization gets behind a civic movement. But in the smaller town where these organizations are not found in large numbers, the Kiwanis Club acts as a clearing house for the various civic projects, and therein possesses much of its value to a community. A town without some similar organization can be likened to a ship without a rudder.

Not only does a Kiwanis Club inherently possess the above values for the individual member and community as a whole. But reaching out further than this, Kiwanis is often found taking those unfortunate diseased and disabled boys and girls, and placing them in the care of an expert physician where they are restored to health and happiness—thus bringing sunshine and hope to lives that were dark and hopeless before. Oftentimes ambition and aspirations are kept alive by making it possible for some boy or girl to continue in school and even through college. These activities may seem small and trivial in the eyes of the cynic, but who can judge the value of a cured body and a trained and educated boy or girl. The cynicism of the unbeliever would but visit a meeting of one of these Kiwanis Clubs in a small town and find there just a handful of men carrying on in the worst depression the world has ever known. These men believe so strongly in the inherent value of what Kiwanis stands for that they have carried on in the last two years when maintaining an organization of this kind meant a personal sac-

Rev. L. T. Singleton Conducts Program For Local Kiwanians

At the regular meeting of the local Kiwanis club Thursday night Rev. L. T. Singleton, chairman of the Underprivileged Child committee, was in charge of the program. He introduced Miss Margaret Creech who led in the singing of a number of new Kiwanis songs, accompanied at the piano by Miss Ellen Singleton. After this feature the chairman took up the proposed work of his committee. In this he stressed the need of financial help for hospitalization in a number of cases that have recently been brought to his notice. Rev. W. J. Crain, pastor of the local Baptist church, and also a member of the committee, spoke briefly on the number of cases that have recently been brought to his attention through his church activities. The financial condition of the club prevents the undertaking in many deserving cases and the matter of financial help was turned over to the board of directors and the committee. It is felt in this way that some real good can be accomplished by developing this work one case at a time. The membership of the club is very enthusiastic over this work and the committee is working diligently in its interest.

WITH THE WITS

Trying to Start a War.
"Some say Europe gave us the saxophone."
"Why stir up any more grudges?"

The Post's Fault
"What went wrong with your car, girlie?"
"A lamp post ran into it."

Swell
"Boswell got \$2,000 for his story. Wasn't that splendid?"
"Two grand for words."

Unofficial Examination
"Doctor, what happens when a fellow sprains his ankle?"
"He generally limps for a while."

Sign of Spring
Son—Father, what is a garden plot?
Pa—The bugs and worms planning to eat up your stuff.

More Than One
"Which doll would you like?"
"I would like twins"—Politiken (Copenhagen).

Too Expensive
She—I'll be a sister to you.
He—Nothing doing—I'm buying cigarettes for three already.

The Test
He—I fell in love with you the first time I saw you.
She—What was I wearing?

Habit
Lawyer—On what ground do you decline to answer?
Witness—I am a telephone operator.

Silent and Married
"He's a man of very few words."
"I didn't know he was married."
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"N. S. F."
"Did you get my check?"
"Yes, twice. Once from you and once from the bank."

Colorful Speech
"Color can speak," declares an artist.
Sez hue!—Passing Show.

Call the Town Clerk
"Their engagement is still a secret."
"So everybody is saying"—Ghendai Mangwa (Tokyo).

And Then in a Whisper
Jimmy—Pa, does money talk for you?
Pa—Yes, son, but only the broken English.—Grit.

Fifty new brick greenhouses have been built by Selma County poultry growers in recent years.

rise in themselves. Men of this type and capacity are the kind of men that built the truly great America, and are the kind of men that will be found at the helm of affairs if America is to remain great.—H. Britt in News and Observer.