

## Benson Firms Give Half Holiday Every Wed. For 3 Months

Mayor Ed Johnson States That Benson Merchants Sign Closing Agreement One Hundred Per Cent.

The matter of closing all stores in Johnston County each Wednesday afternoon during the months of June, July, and August, was recently presented in these columns, and announcement of a one hundred percent cooperation comes from the town of Benson. Mayor Ed Johnson writes the Herald that the merchants of Benson have readily agreed to this half holiday each week which will provide an afternoon in which those confined in stores, offices and by indoor employment, can enjoy some outdoor recreation during the summer months.

Other towns in the county, according to our information, are considering closing, but Benson is the first to sign up 100 percent.

The agreement with 37 signatures appears below:

We, the undersigned merchants agree to close our stores for business every Wednesday afternoon at 1 p. m., and stay closed until Thursday morning during the months of June, July, and August. This to take effect the first Wednesday in June.

J. B. Johnson, G. M. & Company, Preston Woodall, J. Greenhalgh, Kelly Joseph, W. M. Smith, E. S. Turlington & Company, Acme Market, Acme Dry Cleaning Company, Pender Store, Mrs. W. O. Rackley, W. K. Neighbors, D. E. Massengill, J. E. Wilson & Co., C. T. Johnson, Ralph Medlin, W. B. Coats, Chas. Johnson, I. B. McLamb, J. M. Lawhorn & Sons, J. H. Godwin, J. D. Surlis, D. O. Neighbors, First Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Mack Overby, Otis Porter, The Levinson Co., Rose & Wodall, Benson Farmers Exchange, O. T. Surlis, J. R. Streete, Ottis Langdon, E. A. Johnson, R. F. Smith & Sons, J. F. Woodall, C. W. Anderson, Lane Fruit and Candy Co.—Smithfield Herald.

## CHORUS OF AN HUNDRED VOICES

A chorus of one hundred male voices will be presented in Smithfield school auditorium Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, June 11th.

With other additional attractions, this promises to be a Red Letter affair, and the public is cordially invited.

No admission charge.

## Seen Along The MAIN DRAG

(BY H. H. L.)

JULIUS CORBETT was missing from the Maindrag Sunday afternoon—He was seen in or near Kenly taking his regular Sunday afternoon "singing lesson"—GRAY WADDELL, GEORGE SILER and ED DENNING have returned to the Maindrag from a fishing trip to Minnetonka Beach—Gray, upon being asked "what luck," replied, "fine luck, we didn't fall in the river"—the latest on the Drag is the "Caterpillar Club"—will tell you next week who the officers are, maybe—ARMY MITCHNER wants to reduce, since hot weather set in—Somebody give him a recipe—how about 3:2?—will tell you about a real bridge game in this space soon—JOHN HUGHES is getting the preliminaries all ready—ED CREECH, manager the local ball club, has been nursing a bad shoulder for the past few days—hope he'll be O. K. soon—"BUDDY" WADDELL building something, we didn't know what it was, but Mrs. Waddell said it was a pen to put the baby in—HOGE VICK says he's been too busy to be seen on the Maindrag recently; read the back page and you'll see what he's been doing—GEORGE GALDOWAY and JOHN WIGGS, popular clothing merchants, whose places of business are next door to each other, stepped on the scales yesterday and both weighed in the same notch—GEO. this morning challenged JOHN for a scrap—wouldn't that be 'sumpin'?

## Prof. S. E. Leonard Kiwanis Speaker

Prof. S. E. Leonard, superintendent of the Eastern Carolina Training School of Rocky Mount, was the principal speaker at the regular meeting of the Selma Kiwanis club Thursday night. Mr. Leonard, who was introduced by the program chairman, Mr. G. F. Brietz, told his hearers that there were 155 boys at the training school. 80 of these boys have both parents living; 39 of which come from a normal home, in other words 116 of the 155 come from broken homes, or about 75 percent. Of the 155 boys 103, or approximately 70 per cent, are fifth-graders or under. Four sixteen and one seventeen-year-old boys are in the second grade. Not one boy in the 155 is normally graded. Thirty said they were members of the church, though it is doubtful, said the speaker, if all thirty had actually taken the vows of the church; sixty said they had attended Sunday School.

"Broken homes breed crime, and the person who breaks up a home should be punished as a criminal," said Prof. Leonard. "Education lessens. Our compulsory laws should be strengthened and stringently enforced. The Boy Scout movement should have the moral and financial backing of every good citizen. It is a good way to keep out of the penitentiary."

"20,000 men between 18 and 25 have been admitted to the Indiana Reformatory at Pendleton," said the speaker, "and more than 85 per cent came from broken homes. Not a single Boy Scout has ever been sent to the reformatory in Indiana, only 4 per cent belonged to the church."

## Piano Recital At Pine Level

Mrs. J. C. Futrell will give her annual piano recital at the Pine Level school auditorium Friday evening, June 9. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## THE PASSING OF MR. JOHN K. SANDERS

Smithfield, June 5.—John K. Sanders, a well known farmer of the Sanders Chapel section, died at the Johnston County Hospital last Friday at 11:15 a. m., following a series of hemorrhages supposed to have resulted from a ruptured blood vessel in the stomach.

He was brought to the hospital Wednesday night, and later was given a blood transfusion, but this failed to bring the desired results.

The funeral, which was held at the home Saturday at 4:00 p. m., was conducted by Rev. W. H. Brown of Four Oaks, pastor of Sanders Chapel Methodist church, who was assisted by Rev. D. H. Tuttle of Smithfield and Rev. B. T. Hurley, pastor of the Smithfield Methodist church.

Interment was made in Sanders Chapel cemetery.

The deceased, who was 63 years old, is survived by his widow, Mrs. Delia Woodall Sanders, and four daughters, as follows: Mrs. L. H. Sasser and Mrs. W. J. Massey, of Smithfield; Mrs. J. B. Britt of Scotland Neck, and Miss Laura Sanders of Raleigh; also the following three sisters: Mrs. W. S. Stevens and Mrs. Z. R. Martin, of Smithfield, and Mrs. Annie Faison, of Faison, N. C.

## Daily Vacation Bible School

More than one hundred children were enrolled the first day of the Daily Vacation Bible School, which began in the First Baptist church Monday morning. This school will continue for two weeks. The instructors are Misses Margaret Creech, Effie Grant, Inez Wilkins, Mabel Nordan, Mary Parker, Mildred Hayes, Flora Grant, Irene Jones, Prof. David Liles, E. V. Deans, Jr., John W. Blackman, Miss Edna Earl O'Neal and Rev. W. J. Crain. At the close of the school a commencement exercise will be held.

## Proceedings County Commissioners

Smithfield, June 7.—The following is a report of the meeting of the board of county commissioners held on May 1st, which is the latest one appearing at this time on the minute book in the office of the Register of Deeds:

Regular meeting of the board of county commissioners of Johnston county, with the following members all present: R. P. Holding, J. Rufus Creech, W. J. Wilder, R. M. Pleasant and R. H. Hudson.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following business was taken up and transacted:

Ordered that B. P. Parrish, Boon Hill township, be released of \$114 valuation for the year 1932, on account of house being burned.

Ordered that upon the payment of the \$25 license tax, that the following be allowed license to sell beer for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1933 and ending April 30, 1934: H. C. Stanley, Four Oaks; E. P. Britt, Benson; W. T. Worrels, Selma; L. George, Selma; Tom Colonas, Selma; Wm. Pink Allen, Benson; Skinner and Fuller, Smithfield; Smithfield Fruit Store, Smithfield; A. R. Baroody, Smithfield; C. L. Crumpler, Selma, Route 2; D. Pender Store No. 114, Smithfield; D. Pender Store No. 229, Benson; A. & P. Store No. 506, Smithfield; R. L. Gordon, Smithfield; Mrs. Ella Lee Knott, Smithfield, Route 2; W. C. Beasley, Smithfield; H. H. Pilkington, Selma; Motor In Service Station, Smithfield; Watson Sundry Shoppe, Kenly; Pine Haven Inn, Princeton.

Ordered that Mrs. Cora F. Crocker be allowed to value her lot on Second street in the town of Smithfield, known as the Baker lot, at \$800 on account of the fact that the house has been moved off said lot. This for year 1933.

Ordered that A. G. Jones, Smithfield township, be allowed to value his lots near the Smithfield Cotton Mills, at \$300 on account of error. This for year 1931-32.

Ordered that Mrs. L. H. Hauss, Smithfield township, be allowed to value the two lots adjoining her home lot, at \$1,000 on account of error in size of lots. This for year 1931-32.

Ordered that Mrs. J. W. Vick, Selma township, be allowed to value her lot, which is 20x40 feet, at \$2,200, for years 1931-32.

Ordered that the Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., Trustee, be released of a valuation of \$3,100 on the warehouse lot, on which the Peoples Warehouse was formally situated; also that the storage building owned by the T. S. Ragsdale estate near the railroad be released of a valuation of \$1,000 and that the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., Trustee, be granted a release of \$2,100 on the factory lot on Market and Fifth streets in the town of Smithfield, on account of error. This for years 1931-32.

Ordered that Johnnie Byrd of Pleasant Grove township, be allowed \$7.00 for loss of three turkeys and three geese killed by dogs, the same to be paid out of dog tax from school fund.

Motion made and seconded, that Dr. S. P. J. Lee, Benson, R. F. D., be paid the sum of \$25 for treatment for Rabies given to 3 children. The same to be paid out of the dog tax from the school fund.

Reports of J. Ransom Creech, Treasurer; J. E. Wall, jailer; J. B. Coats, Supt. of County Home; J. B. Slack, County Farm Demonstrator and Miss Rachel Everett, county home Demonstrator, were read and ordered approved.

Ordered that J. B. Coats, Supt. of County Home, be authorized to discharge any inmate at the county home who is able to make their own living.

Ordered that H. M. Beasley, of Smithfield township, be paid \$4.00 on account of hogs killed by dogs. This to be paid out of the dog tax from the school fund.

Ordered that the A. B. Wellons estate be released of a valuation of \$1098 for the years 1928-29 and 1930, on account of error in acreage.

Ordered that J. H. or Junie Watson, Pine Level township, be released of \$1,300 for the years 1932-33 on account of fire which destroyed his home during the month of June 1931.

Ordered that the county authorize J. Ransom Creech, Treasurer, to pay to Mrs. Florence Stanley, for 3 bags of guano, \$5.70, and for 16

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## Interesting Items From Smithfield

From all directions come reports of unusually fine prospects for good crops. The warm weather and occasional showers in May, gave them a good start, and the hot weather we are having this week is pushing them along. If the weather continues hot and dry we shall soon be in need of a shower.

A move is being made to build a new tobacco warehouse in Smithfield. It will be remembered that the People's Warehouse was burned a few months ago, leaving only the Dixie and Planters warehouses, and since the people have gotten accustomed to the operation of three warehouses here, many feel that we should not go back to two.

The Beauty Pageant to be staged at the Smithfield auditorium Thursday evening at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the local post of the American Legion, will no doubt cause quite a number of Johnston county girls to put on their "best looks". This will give an opportunity for all of us to get some idea of the great number of pretty girls we have in Johnston county; and to see just how attractive some of them can be, when they really try to look their best. The winner will be awarded the title "Miss Johnston County" and will receive a handsome loving cup. An interesting program for the evening is being arranged.

The board of town commissioners met Tuesday night. It had been previously announced that the matter of lowering the rates on electric lights and power would be considered and almost everybody in town felt an interest in the results of the meeting. However, after discussing the matter for awhile the meeting was adjourned and no changes were made.

King Sanders, an industrious negro, age about 75 years, died suddenly Tuesday at his home near the Atlantic Coast Line railroad station here. He enjoyed the confidence and respect of both the white and colored races, and had accumulated some property.

A bunch of college students and other boys, left Smithfield Monday afternoon, for Danville, Va., to start their summer's work soliciting subscriptions to several of the leading magazines. They are in the employ of the Keystone Reader Service, of Baltimore, and will work under the supervision of James R. Stancil of Smithfield. Other Smithfield boys in the crew are Dock Fuller and Joseph Stancil. Lawrence Wallace, a Smithfield boy, is manager of the Baltimore office of the campaign.

## Death Of Mrs. Annie Upchurch Booker

Mrs. Annie Upchurch Booker, aged 73, widow of F. T. Booker, of Cleveland township, died at her home in the Oakland neighborhood at midnight Monday night, after a week's illness. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Will Adams, Smithfield; Mrs. H. E. Davis, Raleigh; Mrs. Ralph Moore, Raleigh; Mrs. R. A. Yelverton, Clayton, route 1; and one son, S. W. Booker, of Clayton, route 1.

The funeral was conducted from the Presbyterian church in Cleveland township, Wednesday at 3 o'clock by Dr. Chester Alexander of Tarboro, assisted by Rev. J. Randall Farris, of Raleigh, Rev. Jas. P. Smith, of Smithfield, Rev. D. F. Waddell, of Selma. The deceased had lived in the same community practically all her life and numbered her friends by her acquaintances. Mrs. Booker was an aunt of Dr. E. N. Boker, of Selma.

Pallbearers: J. E. Jones, F. M. Weeks, G. B. Smith, Geo. Strickland, R. E. Massengill, C. T. Young.

Ushers: Maylon Price and Herbert Weeks.

Flower Girls: Sarah Lucille Adams, Estelle Farris, Josephine Rogers, of Raleigh; Mary Booker, of Selma; Mary Louise Davis, Lucille Stewart, Mrs. R. R. Morgan and Mrs. Marie Turlington, all of Raleigh; Mrs. Ralph Weeks, of the Oakland community.

The music was under the direction of Mrs. B. A. Hocutt of Clayton, who provided for a quartet and other appropriate selections.

## Selma Loses Another 10-Inning Struggle

### Death Claims Mabel Brown of Four Oaks

Beloved Member Four Oaks High School Dies After Brief Illness; Funeral Friday Afternoon.

Four Oaks, June 5.—Seldom has our whole town and community been more bewildered and saddened than when the passing of Mabel Brown into the great beyond early Friday morning was made known. When the seriousness of her condition was learned, scores of inquirers eagerly awaited the reports of the doctors and nurses attending her. All were hoping and praying for her recovery.

Mabel was the only daughter of S. W. Brown, former treasurer of Johnston county, and Mrs. Brown. She was born March 29, 1917, thus being a little more than sixteen years of age at the time of her death. She is survived by her grief-stricken parents, three brothers, S. W. Jr., and Carl Duncan of this place and Kenneth, of Norfolk, Va., besides numerous relatives and friends.

An unusually large crowd was present at the last rites held at the home Friday afternoon at five o'clock. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. M. Gibbs of Erwin, pastor of the deceased. A special choir composed of Thelma Daughtry, Mabel Stanley, Walton Creech and Rufus Woodard, members of the high school glee club of which Mabel was a member, sang, "Asleep in Jesus" and "Abide With Me." They were assisted by Miss Edith Brown of Benson.

Amid a concourse of sorrowing acquaintances, friends, and relatives interment was made in the Four Oaks cemetery. The numerous and beautiful floral designs partially attested the popularity and love of and high regard for the deceased.

Pallbearers, mostly classmates of Mabel, were: Joe Austin, Leroy Massengill, Monroe Strickland, Wilson Barfoot, Wodrow Williams and Edwin Surlis. Flowers were carried by Esther Spell, Ruby Strickland, Mabel Stanley, Thelma Daughtry, Mary Leigh Runge, Margaret Lou Keene, Irene Boyett, Joyce Davis, and Florence Bandy, of Four Oaks; Olivia Harris of Henderson; and Madeline Keene of Coats. These were classmates, special friends and cousins of Mabel and made a beautiful but touching scene when they placed on the casket as their best earthly token of love and devotion the small bouquets of sweet peas they wore.

Mabel had not been ill but a few days previous to her death but her condition grew more serious last Tuesday when she was taken to the hospital at Smithfield for treatment. She seemed to improve but little, if any at all, and as a last resort underwent an operation from which she never completely rallied.

For six years Mabel had been a loyal member of the local Presbyterian church where she attended its services regularly. She was unusually popular with both old and young and had friends by the scores especially among her school and classmates. Her friendliness and wit made her well known, admired, and greatly loved by all with whom she came in contact. The high esteem and regard held for her have been more evident because of her absence among her close associates as they visit her grave and pass in and out her home trying to comfort the lonely parents and close relatives. Mabel would have been a senior at the local school next year where, according to her past record, she would have been an outstanding graduate noted for her gentleness, intelligence, versatility, kindness, politeness, school patriotism and class loyalty. In conclusion we would apologize to Thomas Gray and slightly alter a quotation from "The Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard"—She was not born to blush unseen nor waste her sweetness on the desert air."

Miss Pauline Eagles, of Kenly, spent last weekend with the Misses Grant.

JOHNSTON COUNTY LEAGUE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Kenly	3	0	1.000
Clayton	2	1	.667
Selma	1	2	.333
Pine Level	1	2	.333
Smithfield	1	2	.333
Princeton	1	2	.333

WHERE THEY PLAY FRIDAY  
Smithfield at Selma.  
Kenly at Clayton.  
Pine Level at Princeton.

(BY BILL SPIVEY)

Selma lost to Smithfield Wednesday at Smithfield in another ten inning battle by the score of 9 to 8. The game was packed with errors, Selma having twelve, while Smithfield had five. The only bright spots in the game for Selma fans were contributed by Parrish who hit a double and three singles out of five trips to the rubber and who made a spectacular catch of Tom Watson's hard hit fly in the fourth inning. Fields got two hits from four times up and Kemp got two for five to help Parrish lead the hitting for Selma. Yarborough was best for Smithfield with a double and triple out of three times up and Parrish was runner-up with two hits out of five tries. Batteries for Smithfield: Ellington, Johnson and Honeycutt. For Selma: Brown, Corbett, Caraway and Kemp.

Below is the box:

Smithfield:	ab	r	h	e	po	a
Honeycutt	c	6	1	0	0	0
Mitchell	rf	1	0	0	0	0
Woodard	rf	2	1	0	0	0
Norton	1b	2	1	0	0	0
Johnson	1b-p	2	0	0	1	0
Watson	3b	4	2	1	1	0
Yarb.	2b	3	2	2	1	3
Parrish	lf	5	1	2	0	5
Register	cf	6	1	2	0	0
Kirkman	ss	4	0	0	1	5
Ellingt'	p	5	0	1	1	3
TOTAL		40	9	11	5	22

SELMA:	ab	r	h	e	po	a
L. Worrell	3b	0	1	4	3	3
Talton	ss	3	1	0	5	4
Corbett	rf-p	2	1	0	0	0
Parrish	lf	5	1	4	0	1
Worrell	2b	5	0	0	0	3
Kemp	c	5	2	2	0	1
Fields	cf	4	3	2	0	1
Richardson	1b	2	0	0	1	4
McMillan	1b	3	0	0	0	4
Brown	p	3	0	1	0	2
Jeffreys	rf	0	0	0	0	0
Blackman	rf	1	0	0	0	0
Caraway	p	1	0	0	2	0
xCreech		0	0	0	0	0

TOTAL 40 8 10 12 21 9  
x—Batted for Jeffreys in eighth.  
Umpires: Gaskill and Tuttle.  
Scorer: Spivey.

Selma plays Smithfield at Selma on Friday afternoon at four o'clock.

## SELMA WINS TEN INNING GAME OVER PINE LEVEL

For the second time in a week, Selma and Pine Level waged a ten inning battle to the score of 4 to 3. Pine Level won the first but Selma came through to win the next. Errors and poor base-running almost cost Selma the victory in the second contest. The local club had men on the bases a number of times to lose them on attempted steals. Worrell, pitching for Selma, allowed six hits while the home boys were collecting 7 hits off Edwards, the Pine Level hurler. Both boys pitched a fine game of ball but were not backed-up so well by other members of their respective teams.

The winning run came in the 10th after John McMillan, hitting for Paul Brown, doubled along the first base foul line. Walt Worrell then hit to short who threw McMillan out at third.

Leo Worrell hit to first who muffed but recovered in time to throw Walt Worrell out at second. Talton was safe at first on an error by R. White. Garland Worrell then singled to right field scoring Leo Worrell for the run that broke up the ball game.

Kenly, June 7.—Kenly took full possession of the lead in the Johnston County League by defeating Clayton, 12-9, here this afternoon. It was Kenly's third win in as many league games and was Clayton's first setback.

The visitors outthit the locals, 21 to 16, but couldn't make their safeties go as far. Each team made 3 (Continued on page three)