

Smithfield Firms Give Half Holiday Every Wed. For 3 Months

Other Towns In County Agree To Observe Half Holiday on Wednesday Afternoons This Summer.

The movement in Johnston County to observe a half holiday on Wednesday afternoons is growing. Benson was the first town to report a 100 per cent sign-up of the merchants to close their stores at this time. Since then 40 firms in Smithfield have signed an agreement to close beginning next Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock and each Wednesday afternoon thereafter through the second Wednesday in August. News comes from Micro and Kenly that the stores in those towns were closed on last Wednesday.

The Smithfield merchants who have agreed to close are as follows: Hudson-Belk company, J. & S Hardware, D. W. Parker, W. M. Sanders & Son, J. A. Smith, Leon G. Stevens, E. P. Lore, Austin & Ogburn Cotton company, Home Insurance & Realty company, Service Barber Shop, W. Jesse Stanley, Luby F. Royall, Progressive Store No. 16, Pender's, Sanitary Barber Shop, Rose's five and ten, Smithfield Hardware company, R. Lewis, Raymond Oliver, Brown's Barber Shop, Progressive Store No. 20, Turnage & Talton, Smithfield Herald, Charles Davis, Austin & Hamilton, Efrid Department Store, Hill's Grocery and Market, Smithfield Fruit company, Gregory's five and ten, W. J. Huntley, First-Citizens Bank & Trust company, Peedin & Peterson, Jones Market, Rabil's Inc., G. E. Thornton, N. B. Grantham, Watson Grocery company, J. A. Rabil, A. R. Baroduy, Men's Wear Shop.—Smithfield Herald.

MAKES SPECIAL PLEA FOR NEW AMBASSADOR

Clayton, June 12.—Rev. John Guice, pastor of the Methodist church in his morning sermon Sunday prayed eloquently for the London conference and for President Roosevelt and his associates, with a special plea for William E. Dodd, former Clayton man who has been appointed ambassador to Germany.

Death Takes Mrs. Sue Stancil of Selma

Mrs. Lou Stancil, 62, widow of J. R. Stancil, died at her home in this city Friday night at 11:30 after several days' illness. Mrs. Stancil had been in declining health for several years. The deceased was one of Selma's most highly respected women. The funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at four o'clock, conducted by Elder J. H. Worley, of the Free Will Baptist church, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

Surviving are one son, J. Edgar Stancil, of Selma, and two sisters, Mrs. Neicey Godwin, of Wayne county, and Mrs. John Barnes, of the Sanders' Chapel section, and one brother, Jones Holland, of Wayne county.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

June 3.—Eving Parrish age 16 to Alice Byrd both of Angier route 1.
June 5.—James B. Howell age 63 Burlington N. C., to Arkansas Godwin, age 48, Kenly, Route 2.
June 5.—Josephus Johnson, age 27 Four Oaks Route 4, to Edith Stephenson, age 21, Willow Springs, N. C.
June 6.—Frank Edwards, age 22, Selma N. C. to Ida Hatcher, age 17, Selma N. C.
June 8.—Allison W. Austin, age 22, Smithfield, N. C., to Lettie Parrish, age 21, Smithfield, N. C.
June 9.—Jas. Walton Debnam, age 24, Louisville, Ky., to Mary Evelyn Parker age 24, Selma, N. C.
June 10.—Kirby O. Langdon, age 28, Benson, N. C., to Matildo Johnson, age 23, Benson, N. C.
June 10.—Earl Wilder age 21, Selma route 1, to Estelle Whitely, age 18, Selma, Route 1.
E. T. Barnes, Jr., age 26, Wilson, N. C., to Irene Page Stevens, age 22, Smithfield, N. C.

Boy Admits He Killed Mother

Flint, Mich., June 12.—Seventeen-year-old Balfie MacDonald, a "problem youth" who fought against parental control, confessed, county authorities said today, that he beat his mother, Mrs. Grace Baird MacDonald, 54, to death in her bedroom on May 27, during a quarrel in which she threatened to have him placed in a reformatory.

The confession was made within a few hours after MacDonald, with his companion in flight, William Terwilliger, 16, were returned here from Nashville, Tenn., where they had been arrested on charges of attempted extortion.

"I hit her three or four times," the youth said, explaining that he had used the heavier of two book ends in his mother's room.

"She looked at me and her arms were up," he went on. "She said: 'You can't do this to me.' She didn't say anything more and just tossed over and over in bed and said Balfie!"

MacDonald, attired in fresh clothing, was arraigned before Justice Frank W. Cain this afternoon on a first-degree murder warrant, and examination was demanded. It was set for June 16, and MacDonald was taken to the county jail. He showed no emotion as he was brought into a crowded courtroom.

MULES KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

During an electric storm on last Monday afternoon, Mr. Hooks Richardson, who lives near Kenly, had four mules killed when lightning struck the barn in which they were housed.

Miss Pulley Chosen As "Miss Johnston County"

Miss Grace Pulley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Pulley, of Kenly, was chosen as the most beautiful girl in the beauty contest staged in Smithfield Thursday night by the Pou-Parrish post of the American Legion aided by the Woman's club. She was given the title of Miss Johnston County and will represent this county at the beauty contest to be conducted at Wrightsville Beach in August.

About sixty young women from various towns in the county participated in the event which was held at the school house.

Selma Peole Hear Rev. Mr. Inman

Samuel Inman, who is doing religious field work in this vicinity during the summer, supplied for the pastor, Rev. D. F. Waddell, at the morning service in the Selma Presbyterian church Sunday morning, using as his central theme words of Paul to his companions on the ship out at sea in a great storm to "be of good cheer." This admonition came from Paul after the ship's crew had thrown overboard practically everything but the ship's hull. We, too, have encountered a great economic crisis and many have given up life's saving, but the admonition of Rev. Mr. Inman to his hearers was to resort to prayer like Paul of old and they would find a remedy to enable them to "be of good cheer" when reverses come.

Musical Program At Kiwanis Meet

A most delightful musical program was given by the Willetts family at the meeting of the Kiwanis Club on last Thursday evening. Mr. Willetts with his saw; his son, G. M., Jr., and his violin and daughter, Miss Mary, at the piano, rendered a number of popular and sacred numbers. This is indeed a musical family. Mrs. Willetts is the popular organist at the First Baptist church.

Mr. Brietz, program chairman for the month of June, announced that local talent would be used during this month.

Miss Grace Oliver, of Goldsboro, is spending a few days with Miss Lois Warren.

Beautiful Church Wedding In Selma

Miss Mary Evelyn Parker Becomes Bride of Walter Debnam, of Louisville, Ky., Large Number of Out-of-Town Friends In Attendance.

A wedding beautiful in its simplicity was solemnized in Edgerton Memorial Methodist church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, when Miss Mary Evelyn Parker of Selma became the bride of Walton Debnam of Louisville, Ky.

The church was simply, but effectively decorated for the occasion. The altar was draped with white entwined with green and decorated with baskets of pink, white and blue Queen Anne's lace.

Prior to the ceremony, Mrs. W. H. Call, organist and Rev. D. F. Waddell, violinist, rendered a program of appropriate nuptial music. The Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin was used as the processional and Mendelssohn's wedding march as the recessional.

The u-hers entered by either aisle and crossing over took their places at either side of the altar. They were George Davis Vick, Ralph H. Woodard, John Lacy Deans and Billy Pearce, all wearing white flannel trousers and dark blue coats.

Miss Vivian Raper, cousin of the bride, gowned in pink crepe with accessories to match and carrying an arm bouquet of pink gladiolas, entered by the right aisle while little Miss Martha Anne Poole of Winston-Salem, niece of the bridegroom, wearing a dainty dress of blue organza, entered by the left aisle, carrying the ring in the heart of a calla lily.

The bride, lovely in a navy blue georgette, with accessories to match carrying a colonial bouquet of gardenias showered with valley lilies, entered with her uncle, Dr. J. E. Fitzgerald, of Smithfield, by whom she was given in marriage. Meeting the bride and maid of honor at the altar, for the betrothal service, were the bridegroom and Wyatt Richardson of Selma, who acted a best man.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. T. Singleton, pastor of Edgerton Memorial Methodist church of which both bride and bridegroom were members during their childhood.

Mrs. Debnam is the daughter of Mrs. Annie Parker and the late Patrick H. Parker of Selma. She was graduated from N. C. C. W. Greensboro and has taught for the past three years, in the Gastonia city schools.

Mr. Debnam is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Debnam of Winston-Salem, formerly of Selma. He received his education at Duke University and for the past several years has held a responsible position with the Brown-Williamson Tobacco Co., first in Winston-Salem, later being transferred to Louisville, Ky., where the young couple will reside at 525 Belgravia Court.

Mrs. Debnam has been the recipient of numerous social courtesies during the past week. Among them a Hearts-Dice party and miscellaneous shower given by Miss Margaret Etheredge at her home on Tuesday evening. Thursday evening Miss Eunice Temple, Mrs. C. E. Kornegay and Mrs. R. D. Blackburn entertained at the home of Mrs. Kornegay and a miscellaneous shower was given. Friday Miss Vivian Raper of Wilson entertained the bridal party at luncheon at her home. Friday John Lacy Deans entertained the bridal party at dinner at the home of his parents. Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Roger Strickland entertained at a party for the bride and bridegroom and numerous friends. This morning Miss Miriana Brietz entertained at a beautifully appointed wedding breakfast at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Brietz.

A large number of people from out of town attended the wedding, among them were: Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Debnam, Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Poole and two little daughters of Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Debnam, Mr. James Davis, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Fitzgerald and daughter, Janice of Smithfield.

Mrs. N. B. Orr and little granddaughter, Sue Griffin of Warsaw.

Mrs. Z. V. Fitzgerald, Mrs. M. C. Winston, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Oliver, Mr. Sam Young, Miss Dorothy Toy, Mrs. Robert Long, Mr. Lawrence Nichols, Mrs. T. H. Griffith, Miss Virginia Griffith, Mr. James Raspberry, and Miss Josephine Poole of Raleigh.

Mrs. Henry Brown of Portsmouth, Va., Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bullock, Suffolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Spraggins, Tarboro.

Misses Vivian and Clyde Raper, Mr. Groves Raper, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith, Miss Margaret Barefoot, Mr. Bill Farmer, Mrs. Henry Moss, Mrs. Sam Moss, Misses Nancy and Jean Moss of Wilson.

Mr. James Hill of Lexington, Mr. Linwood Hinton, of Waynesville, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Glover, Shanghai, China, Tom Brown, Houston, Texas, Prof. and Mrs. N. G. Woodlief, of Benson, Mrs. Richard Lewis, Four Oaks.

Proceedings County Recorder's Court

Number Violators of Prohibition Laws and Driving Cars While Under Influence of Liquor and Larceny Were Tried Before Judge Aycock This Week.

State vs John A. Waddell, operating motor car while under influence of whiskey, and possession and transportation of 2 pints whiskey, plea of guilty as to both charges, continue prayer for judgment, open payment of \$50.00 fine and cost and on further condition the defendant does not operate a motor vehicle again in North Carolina during next 90 days.

State vs Melvin Sanders, operating motor vehicle without proper license plate and violation of prohibition law (possession and transportation 1-2 pint whiskey) Guilty on both counts. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of \$10.00 fine.

State vs Edgar Massengill, violation prohibition law. Guilty, possession 1 gallon of whiskey for purpose of sale and sale of whiskey. Let defendant be confined in jail of Johnston county for a term of 6 months sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$10.00 fine and on condition the defendant violate no state laws within next 2 years.

State vs Monroe McLamb, violation prohibition law. Guilty, possession 1 pint whiskey for purpose of sale, let defendant be confined in jail of Johnston county for a term of 30 days and assigned to work on public roads. The jail sentence to be suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs James Deasley, assault with deadly weapon, Guilty. Let defendant be confined in jail of Johnston county for a term of 60 days and assigned to work on public roads. The jail sentence to be suspended upon payment of cost and on further condition the defendant remains of good behavior during next 2 years.

State vs Huston Ennis, larceny of pistol value less than \$20.00 the property of Elijah Register. Guilty. Let the defendant be confined in jail of Johnston county for a term of ten days and assigned to work on public roads.

State vs Jesse Raynor and Braspas Lee, profane and indecent language on public highway etc. Both guilty continue prayer for judgment upon payment of 1-2 cost each.

State vs Murray Ballenger, violation prohibition law, possession of 3 quarts whiskey for purpose of sale. Let defendant be confined in jail of Johnston county for a term of 6 months sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$10.00 fine on condition the defendant violate no State laws within next 2 years.

State vs Rufus Barnes and David Barnes, larceny of watch value less than \$20.00 property of Ed. Townsend. David Barnes under 16 years of age and case as to him transferred to juvenile court. Rufus Barnes guilty. Let defendant be confined in jail of Johnston county for a term of 60 days and assigned to work on public roads. Appealed.

State vs Ralph Page, violation prohibition law. Guilty possession whiskey 1 pint. Let defendant be confined in jail in Johnston county for a term of 60 days and assigned to work on public roads. The jail sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$10.00 fine and cost.

State vs William Benson, careless and reckless driving, violation prohibition law, possession and transportation whiskey. Assault with deadly weapon not guilty of violation prohibition law and assault with deadly weapon. Guilty careless and reckless driving. Let defendant be confined in jail of Johnston county for a term of 60 days and assigned to work on public roads. The fine sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$35.00 fine and cost.

Mrs. Henry Brown of Portsmouth, Va., Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bullock, Suffolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Spraggins, Tarboro.

Misses Vivian and Clyde Raper, Mr. Groves Raper, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith, Miss Margaret Barefoot, Mr. Bill Farmer, Mrs. Henry Moss, Mrs. Sam Moss, Misses Nancy and Jean Moss of Wilson.

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Selma Wins Over Clayton 3-2 Score

Young Man Drowned Near Kenly Sunday

Herman Willoughby Drops From Limb Over Deep Water In Lowell's Mill Pond; Burial Monday.

Kenly, June 12.—Herman Willoughby, 20 year old son of William Willoughby, a well known tenant farmer who lives near Fellowship Methodist church, was drowned in the pond at Lowell mill near here Sunday afternoon at five o'clock. The young man was with a group of boys who were in swimming, but he himself could not swim. Young Willoughby caught hold of the limb of a tree which reached out over the water and swung on the limb. He suddenly dropped from the limb into deep water and his comrades soon found that something was wrong. In a short while his body was rescued by a Hales boy, whose first name was not learned. Medical aid was sent for and Dr. M. Hinnant of Micro and Dr. A. P. Strickland of Kenly were soon on the scene. All efforts of resuscitation proved fruitless. Only about a quart of water was found in his body, and it is the general opinion that cramp or heart failure must have caused him to drop from the limb.

The burial took place yesterday afternoon at four o'clock at the cemetery at Raines cross roads.

McLamb And Hicks Given Acquittal

Jury in Receiving Case Returns Verdict After 24 Hours of Deliberation.

Laurinburg, June 10.—The McLamb-Hicks case came to a surprising end here late today when a Moore county special jury returned a not guilty verdict as to both defendants after 24 hours of deliberation. A mistrial was looked for.

Isham B. McLamb, Benson merchant, and Derwood Hicks, Benson barber, were jointly on trial charged with knowingly receiving stolen cigarettes, part of the goods taken when a warehouse here last summer was looted of an alleged value of \$1,100. The case has been the original cause of the arrest of 14 men a total of 18 times. Seven pleaded guilty, one was convicted, three were freed, McLamb was on trial the third time in seven months, Hicks the second time in 40 days, and a case in which bribery of witnesses is charged and which grew from this "receiving" case remains on the docket. The fourteenth arrest was James Raynor, Benson attorney, charged with bribery of witnesses.

Using State prisoners police officers and circumstantial evidence the prosecution sought to show McLamb as the brains or "big shot" of a well-organized gang of thieves.

Using a long line of high officials and prominent business men from the Johnston-Harnett section who testified to his unblemished character and tendering an ordinarily plausible explanation as to the finding of stolen goods in his store McLamb rested his case.

Hicks depended on the theory that he accidentally handled some of the loot.

Throughout the four-day trial the presence of gaily dressed wives and relatives of the defendants (except Mrs. McLamb reported ill) added an unwonted dash of color to the ordinarily somber Scotland court proceedings as sweat-soaked lawyers pushed their way through evidence and argument.

McLamb former city official affable 39 plainly a man of influence in his county now possibly facing a strenuous fight to retain his freedom in the bribery case took the situation calmly. He said before the verdict: "I believe I'm going to have to move to Laurinburg" due to his many trials here.

The jury reported to the court twice. Last night, about six to six as to McLamb, with no action then on Hicks. Late today, "Six and six as to one and nine and three the other," and that no verdict seemed possible.

FOR SALE—One Cow with young calf, H. M. Beasley, Smithfield, N. C. 6-8-1t

JOHNSTON COUNTY LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Kenly	4	1	.800
Clayton	3	2	.600
Selma	2	3	.400
Pine Level	2	3	.400
Princeton	2	3	.400
Smithfield	2	3	.400

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

(BY BILL SPIVEY)

Selma displayed a new kind of base ball to win from Clayton Wednesday to the tune of 3 to 2. The home town boys came through without an error which is going some. Clayton outhit Selma 7 hits to 4 but the locals took advantage of the breaks and Clayton's 7 errors to wreak the victory. Kemp led the local hitting with 2 hits out of 4 trips to the rubber to take the leading batting for the Selma club this season. Poole and Gattis led Clayton's hitting, each getting 2 hits from 4 attempts. Walt Worrell pitched a fine game for Selma as did M. Barnes for Clayton.

This was by far the best game Selma has played this season and the boys all say they have plenty more of the same kind tucked away in their systems. Manager Ed Creech made a few changes in the lineup during the first part of the week and it seems to have worked wonders. Ed got in the game Wednesday for the first real time this season and played a swell game in the field. Lets everybody give the boys a big hand and encourage them along. We want to win this pennant race.

The box:
CLAYTON:

Player	ab	r	h	e	po	a
Lambeth cf	4	0	0	0	3	0
Baucum lf	3	1	1	0	4	0
J. Barnes 3b	3	0	1	2	0	1
Poole rf	4	2	2	0	2	1
Gattis, 1b	4	1	0	2	10	0
Blinson ss	4	0	1	0	2	3
Atkinson 2 b	3	0	0	1	0	4
M. Barnes p	3	0	0	2	0	0
Moore p	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	31	2	7	7	22	8

SELMA:

Fields, cf	Creach 2b	Kemp c	Parrish lf	Harris 1b	G. Worrell ss	McMillan rf	Easton rf	L. Worrell 3b	W. Worrell p
3	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0
4	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	33	3	4	0	23	13	0	0	0

Umpires: Barnes and Wiggs.
Scorer: Spivey.

Kenly, June 14.—Kenly took the Johnston county League lead all to itself by defeating Pine Level 6-5, here today. The locals had been in a tie with Clayton, which lost today to Selma.

George Hinton tossed for the locals and Price and Edwards pitched for Pine Level. Kenly outhit the losers, 13 to 11. Crocker fetured for Pine Level and Davis for Kenly. Evans caught for the locals; Gardner for the visitors.

PRINCETON WINS, 11-2

Smithfield, June 14.—Princeton banged 15 hits to defeat Smithfield, 11-2, here today. Millard Snipes held the locals to two hits, by Kirkman and Register. The safeties came in the eighth and were mixed with errors for Smithfield's runs. Toler, Smith and Snipes led Princeton's attack.

Adams, Johnson and Watson pitched and Honeycutt caught for Smithfield. Brewer caught for Princeton.

Smithfield defeated Selma again Friday afternoon to the tune of 12 to 5. The game was played at the City Ball Park in Selma and was a poor exhibition of baseball. Selma made ten errors, bringing their total to 39 for four games. Corbett started in the box for Selma but retired in the ninth after giving Smithfield 12 hits. Brown finished the game allowing a pair of base hits in one inning. Selma collected seven hits off Johnson and two off Watson who pitched the last half of the ninth inning for Smithfield.