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STREET SCENE IN SMITHFIELD, WHERE EXPOSITION OPENS MONDAY

CAROLINA JEFFERSONIAN DISTRIBUTED BY PLANE

Airplane Will Fly Over Smithfield and Drop the Papers to Visitors at Exposition at Smithfield

On account of the exposition to be held in Smithfield next week, The Carolina Jeffersonian has arranged to have several thousand copies of this week's publication distributed there. The paper will be distributed from an aeroplane, which will encircle the town of Smithfield on Monday. This aeroplane will carry several thousand copies of the Carolina Jeffersonian, dropping them among the visitors at Smithfield.

We are carrying in this issue a number of advertisements for the business people of this, one of the most substantial and progressive business towns in the State of North Carolina. It is conceded by every one familiar with the State of North Carolina that Johnston county is one of the best in the State and that Smithfield is a leader as a thriving wide-awake city.

One of the advertisements is that of Cotter-Underwood Co. This is one of the most substantial dry goods and grocery establishments in North Carolina, carrying an authorized capital of \$25,000 and a surplus of \$230,000. In addition to dry goods and groceries, this concern handles furniture and cotton, also doing an undertaking business.

Also will be found in this issue an advertisement of the Sanitary Barber Shop of Smithfield. This is considered one of the most up-to-date and thoroughly equipped barber shops in the State. This shop is under the super-

vision of the well known and experienced barber, Mr. C. R. Pittman.

The Rabil's Department Store of Smithfield have an advertisement in this issue. This establishment carries a select line of ladies' and gents' shoes, handling the well known W. L. Douglas shoes, as well as a full line of ladies' dresses, coats and hats, and in fact everything in ladies wearing apparel.

While in Smithfield you will find the Victory Theatre located on the main boulevard to Doctor's Lake. See their ad. in this issue.

A delightful place to get lunches, drinks and smokes while in Smithfield attending the exposition will be the Sundry Shoppe situated directly across the street from the courthouse. See their advertisement in this issue.

We invite your attention to R. S. Smith & Company, dealers in high-grade clothing. This is one of the most progressive stores in the city of Smithfield and they will appreciate your calling on them during the exposition. You will be accorded polite and courteous service.

There are many other interesting places of business advertised in this issue of the Carolina Jeffersonian. Each of which will be glad to have you call on them during Exposition Week and you may be assured as rep-

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MR. EVANS SPEAKS AT WAKE COURT HOUSE

SOLICITOR EVANS DENOUNCES LAWLESS CONDITIONS IN RALEIGH

Criminals Have Police Protection Either Through Corruptness or Inefficiency, Says Solicitor

Criminal practices here are shameful, says W. F. Evans, Solicitor of the Seventh Judicial District, in a speech delivered in Wake Superior Court room, Tuesday night.

Lawlessness in this city is due to corruptness or inefficiency in the police department, he says. He cites many cases in which he charges the criminals must have had police protection. Solicitor says he cannot go on and on without support and appeals to the good citizens of this community to make it the clean city it should be.

He says that fathers and mothers all over the State are sending their daughters and sons here to be educated and that Raleigh should be made a decent place for them to come and they should have proper protection while here. He called attention to one letter he had received from a father who sent his son here to school and the boy, on account of the unlimited supply, began to drink liquor and had to go home.

He says the editor of one of the leading newspapers of the State had written him congratulating him on his move to stop crime here and asked him not to spare the Legislators who came here and indulged in liquor during the last session.

Mr. Evans said it had been charged that he was prompted to make his speech by one of the leading politicians of Raleigh. He says this charge is absolutely false. He says his move was on his own motion, that he had consulted with no politician in reference to it believed it to be his duty as prosecuting attorney of this district to let the people know the truth.

He called on the citizens to exact a promise for law enforcement from the one to be elected.

"I hate to say this before a mixed audience," the solicitor said, "but there is a class of criminal operations being performed in Raleigh that is a stench and a disgrace to the community. People are coming to Raleigh from a distance and having criminal operations performed at a place that has police protection. I know that. I am not bluffing." Solicitor Evans' proposed exposure of conditions in Raleigh drew to the Superior court room where he spoke

a crowd that filled every seat on the floor and in the balcony and crammed into every available corner of standing space. Chief of Police J. Winder Bryan at whose department the majority of the solicitor's charges were aimed sat within the bar and took notes of the speaker.

The audience was composed of a fine looking type of men and women. Practically all the preachers of the city, leading members of the bar and leaders in civic and professional life were present. None of the three commissioners were seen in the audience but several of the candidates who are opposing their re-election were present. Nearly a score of the 40 members of the city police force were occupying choice seats.

The solicitor made it plain that he had no candidate and that he had no man for whom he wished an office. He definitely refused alignment with T. D. Parish, candidate for commissioner of public safety who issued printed bills advertising the speech and his candidacy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Evans named few names that have not already graced the public prints for crime already committed. He told of conditions, however, and gave incidents without naming the principle. He charged individual policemen with frequenting whiskey selling places, but left their names unspoken. In the last of his speech he stated that he did not want to deal in personalities but that he could prove what he had said and if he was pressed he would prove it as he was accustomed before the bar of the superior court.

He received the greatest applause of the evening when he attacked the writer of an anonymous letter who wrote "if you say what it is reported you will say you won't get out of the courthouse alive. A dead lion doesn't scare the other beasts."

"This doesn't scare me worth a cent," Evans declared. "I denounce the writer of this letter as a coward and a skunk and I dare him to stand up in this audience."

The crowd cheered his defiance.

Charges "Protection"

Solicitor Evans drove his attack at police protection "either corruptly or inefficiently" and declared that it did not matter who was chief so long as certain old members of the force were retained. He illustrated his charges by recounting the incident of the raid on the Commonwealth Club by county and federal officers under his direction. He declared that at least four policemen were in the block but they knew nothing about the raid until four or five of the leading citizens of the town jumped out of the front window of the club into their arms.

He declared that one of the escaping citizens turned on the policemen and demanded:

"Why in the blankety blank didn't you tell us this was going to happen?"

"The Commonwealth Club could not have operated without protection," Solicitor Evans declared, "and Ed Chappell couldn't have sold liquor where he did without police protection either corruptly or inefficiently. The policemen are always ready to prove good characters for members of the underworld. How can you expect a force that has such a high regard for criminals to ever catch them?"

Crimes Suppressed

The solicitor declared that last Tuesday night a week ago a white man and a negro woman were arrested by the police. He said that the woman was let off without any bond and the man was let off with a ten dollar bond. Later in the night he said the police found the same man and woman in the woman's house together but that the matter has never been reported.

Hamlet Stuffed Ballot Box

He declared that at the last city election a fine woman watched the ballot box in his ward all day long to prevent it being stuffed. He stated that she stayed there with a poll-holder "who was too drunk to be decent" and a "man who was a disgrace to the people of that ward." He declared that when the box was opened the woman found ballots stacked just as they had come from the printer in a way impossible for them to have been properly put into the box.

"I don't mind saying who that was," the solicitor said, "It was John Hamlet."

Evans spoke of "ole rum runners' row" which he said had been given special parking privileges "in front of the courthouse and declared that they could not possibly make a legitimate living. He ridiculed the police for not uncovering "lotteries on Fayetteville street" during the baseball season and declared that if they could not find them he did not see how they found the city hall.

He declared that the same situation which had existed in the Greek cafes at the Union Station was now existing within a hundred yards of the police station.

ANOTHER 1-CENT CUT IN GASOLINE PRICE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED

New York, April 7.—Another reduction of 1 cent a gallon in gasoline prices was announced today by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey throughout its territory, excepting West Virginia, where no change was made, and in South Carolina, where the reduction was only half a cent.

The tank wagon price in New Jersey is now 17 cents a gallon; Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, 15 cents; South Carolina, 18½ cents; South Carolina, 18½ cents, and Washington, D. C., 17 cents.

TYPHOID MARYS

It is conceded by every sane thinker that there is nothing more damnable, dangerous and deadly than the slimy drippings of a slanderous tongue. It has ever been so and will ever be so. The first record we find, and the first admonition as to its treachery, is in the New Testament. The Apostle James well understood the evil of the wrong use of the tongue. After reciting many things that can be done by man he tells us this (James, 3d chapter, 7th and 8th verses): "For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."

So many lives have been wrecked; so many businesses destroyed; so many homes made desolate; so much uncalled for suffering has been occasioned by this evil that seems to ever be among us that it would be well for the ministers of the land, together with every other good citizen to center a fight against this one appalling menace.

No better illustration can be given than Bruce Barton recites in an editorial in the current issue of the Red Book. Here it is:

"Without confiding his plans to anybody, a very busy man slipped off for his first vacation.

When he returned, an acquaintance stopped him on the street, staring at him in obvious amazement.

"Why the ghastly glance?" exclaimed the man, who was feeling jovial and fit. "What is so strange about my taking a vacation?"

"Vacation" repeated the other. "Do you know what they are saying about you? Six different people have told me that you had broken down and were in a sanitarium out West."

"One of the oldest, most stable concerns of its kind suffered a temporary embarrassment through the failure of a customer. There was no permanent loss, but rumors spread fast.

"They are busted," said the couriers of misfortune. "They have discharged ninety people." "They will announce their suspension tomorrow."

"It happened that the company, at that very hour, had more than a million dollars in cash in the banks. Did the rumor-mongers stop to learn this fact? They did not; each was too eager to be the first to spread the fatal tidings.

"The president of the company traveled from bank to bank, and office to office, presenting the facts. Sometimes he had to show his bank-books in order to make himself believed.

"Two gentlemen of inquiring turn of mind decided to test the rumor possibilities of business. They agreed that each of them would stop the first three individuals he met and conduct the following conversation:

"Have you heard about Smith?"—a man prominent in their industry.

"No?"

"Well, if you haven't heard anything, don't say anything."

"Within a week it was widely reported that: (1) Smith was dead; (2) He had been fired; (3) He had quarreled with his boss and resigned; (4) He was about to be divorced; (5) He had disappeared with the company's funds.

After answering thousands of phone-calls and letters, poor Smith was driven to buy space in the trade press, to explain that he contemplated no business change, and that all rumors about him were groundless.

"Do you remember Typhoid Mary? The health authorities rounded her up after a long search. She was a walking hive of typhoid germs, and, though not sick herself, she made everybody sick whom she met.

"Business is full of male Typhoid Marys. They are a vast and costly nuisance. Having too little to do, they wander from office to office, spreading germs of suspicion and fear.

"I ask the Rockefeller Institute to invent a serum which will annihilate these business pests. I ask the Secretary of Agriculture to spray them, like gypsy moths, in the spring.