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### EXTERMINATE THE HOUSE FLY.

One of the most unwelcome guests found in any home is the abominable house-fly. He is in and out and goes everywhere. He is a pestiferous little creature whose presence is a curse to say the least. A war of extermination should be begun in every home these early spring days and every effort should be made to put him out of business. He is all unclean, a germ toter, a disease breeder, a detested nuisance, a disturber of the peace—yea, all these and much more—Our vocabulary is too limited to properly characterize him. Destroy him, put him out of existence, leave not one of his kinsmen to disturb the babe or annoy the baldheaded man. Let every one do all in his or her power to crush him. The following clipping may interest some:

"A young woman in New Orleans is the leader in a war that is being waged against the house fly. Posters depicting the habits of the insects are circulated throughout the city and other towns of the south. A code of respectability has been established, and any housekeeper who is known to allow a house fly within her domain is put in the same class with those who harbor other notorious insects. Stable keepers in the larger cities are required to register with a view of having their premises inspected regularly, and they are prosecuted if they refuse to assist in efforts to prevent the breeding of flies."

### TIME HAS CHANGED THINGS.

Mr. Israel Stephenson says that his father, David Stephenson, who lived in Pleasant Grove township decided about 1857 or 1858 to buy a tract of land for one of his sons, and came the Hunter Road to Smithfield looking for a place. He did not want any place he saw but went back home and told his family it made him hungry to travel the Hunter road as the land was so poor. He said he could see a wild turkey through the woods as far as his eyes would allow him to see as the land had then very little growth on it except long leaf pines. He says that a farmer moved from where Mr. Ed. Johnson now lives because the land was too poor for a living to be made on it. Mr. Johnson, we are told, raises as much as two bales of cotton per acre on some acres and averages a bale per acre. There is no finer farming section in the county than the northern part of Elevation township through which the Hunter Road passes. The Lassiters and others have revolutionized farming in that section. A trip along the Hunter Road now makes one think of plenty and prosperity.

### SPECIAL TAX.

We can remember when nothing was more unpopular than special taxes. Soon after the civil war special taxes were levied at different times and the people fought them as best they could, claiming that the regular taxes called for should be sufficient for all purposes and that the special taxes were burdensome. Perhaps they feared special taxes then too much but we are sure that people are drifting to the other extreme now. There are getting to be too many special taxes. They make it burdensome when tax settling time comes. In times of prosperity it is easy to arrange for special taxes to be levied and paid, but they hurt when hard times reach us. We have in mind a Smithfield man whose property income is less than one hundred and fifty dollars and his taxes for all purposes are a little more than ninety-nine dollars.

We here and now sound a note of warning to the people to go slow on special taxes. They should never be put on the people except by popular vote and even then the people will sometimes get tired paying them. By vigorous effort special tax elections can be carried but it is not always best that they should be. Probably most of the special taxes imposed already in Johnston will work out for the best but we think it is time to call a halt. In public affairs as well as in private life, people can use a great many things which they are not able to afford. We should not get so much interested in any matter as to make slaves of ourselves in order to rush things along. One trouble about special taxes is that they call for extra expenses which cut down the earnings of the people before they go to benefit the object for which the taxes are levied. For example of what we mean: it costs between eighty and one hundred dollars in Smithfield township to get the road tax placed on the tax books. We do not want to be non-progressive but at present we feel it will be hard to get us to vote for any other special tax.

J. M. B.

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LAND FOR SALE—Sealed bids will be received by E. J. Holt, Mayor of Smithfield, till May 4th, 1909, for 2 acres of land and the buildings thereon—Situated one mile south of Smithfield and ¼ mile of the Smithfield Cotton Mill. Terms ¼ cash, balance in 4 equal installments, payable quarterly with interest on deferred payments. Title retained till place is paid for. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved. By order Board Town Commissioners.

E. J. HOLT, Mayor.


Letter to Cotter-Stevens Co.

Gentlemen:

The Sunny South cotton and corn planter I bought of you last spring is one of the best farm implements I have on my farm. Would not be without it for four times the cost. I can't say too much for it.

Yours truly,
J. C. JERNIGAN.

Smithfield, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, Mar. 17, 1909.

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The total deposits about 12,000 eggs each year, but only 1,000 develop.

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## A VACANT CHAIR

in the household may have been unnecessary if the parents had done their duty and bought a bottle of GOWAN'S PNEUMONIA PREPARATION and had it ready when croup and pneumonia came. It gives quick relief for colds, coughs, pains and soreness and ailments where inflammation and congestion are the cause. External—absorbed. All druggists. $1.00 to 25c. Buy today and have no vacant chair in the home.

## "The Leader"

We are displaying the largest line of Hats and Notions ever sh wn in this section at prices to compare with the decline in cotton. Our stock is complete, and at prices as low as the lowest. We have a complete line of hair goods, such as curls and rolls, to make the hats becoming and attractive on the head.

**Mrs. V. E. Davis,** *Yelvington's Old Stand Smithfield, N. C.*

## Important

The Policy Contracts of the Southern Life Insurance Company are now guaranteed by the JEFFERSON STANDARD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, of RALEIGH, N C. At midnight, March 31, 1909, the JEFFERSON assumed and guaranteed all policyholders' Contracts, such guarantee being fully approved by the Insurance Department of North Carolina, and the reserves on all policies are deposited with this Department.

North Carolina
Insurance Department

Having given permission for the re-insurance by the Southern Life Insurance Company, of Fayetteville, N. C., of all its policy contracts, I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby approve of the foregoing contract of re-insurance with the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company of Raleigh, N. C.

This first day of April, 1909.

(Sig.) JAMES R. YOUNG,
Insurance Commissioner

South Carolina
Insurance Department

When informed of the sale Mr. F. H. McMaster Insurance Commissioner for South Carolina said:

"I am very much pleased to learn of the purchase of the Southern Life Insurance Company, of Fayetteville by the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company of Raleigh.

This means the re-insurance of the policyholders of the former in Jefferson Standard, which is one of the strongest Southern companies. The Jefferson Standard has assets of about $511,000, of which $250,000 capital, and $230,000 General surplus, or $480,000 is a surplus to policyholders. The policyholders of the Southern Life are now in a strong company which is above reproach.

*All Southern Life Policies in force are now guaranteed by the Strongest Company in the South*

*Statement of Condition, December 31st, 1908*
*JEFFERSON STANDARD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY*

| Assets | | Liabilities | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State and Government Bonds | $362,005.45 | Reserve on Outstanding Insurance | $29,534.00 |
| Loans, First Mortgages and Collat | 88,500.00 | Extra Reserve | 1,168.00 |
| Real Estate | 2,323.61 | All Other Liabilities | 2,829.00 |
| Cash in Bank and Office | 49,918.84 | | |
| Policy Loans | 802.63 | | |
| Premium Notes | 4,357.07 | | |
| Agents Balances | 8,865.75 | | |
| Interest and Rents Accrued | 147.95 | | |
| Net Premiums in course of collection (Reserve Charged as Liability) | 8,151.76 | | |
| Furniture & Fixtures (2-3 cost) | 1,995.97 | Surplus to Policyholders | $493,498.03 |
| | $527,029.03 | Total Liabilities | $527,029.03 |

## Strongest in the South

Officers:

JOS. G. BROWN, President
P. D. GOLD, JR., 1st Vice Pres. & Gen. Mgr.
CHAS. W. GOLD, Sec. and Supt. of Agencies.

After April 20th address Home Office JEFFERSON STANDARD LIFE INS. CO., Raleigh, N. C.

# SPRING CLOTHING

Our line of Spring Clothing is Complete in all the latest styles, colors and designs---They are marvels of the tailor's art. You should see our clothing before buying. Our line of Oxfords are the latest creations.

## Dry Goods

Our Ladies Department is more complete than ever before. Our Dress Goods and Oxfords are the very best and latest patterns and designs. Come in and inspect them.

## DAVIS BROS.,

The Double Store - - Smithfield, N. Car.

## *Headquarters for Baseball GOODS*

*We handle the Celebrated A. G. Spalding line and the American line of Baseball Goods. Louisville Slugger Bats. See our line of Fishing Tackle.*

***Johnston & Holt,*** :: *The Prescription DRUGGISTS*

## Ready With Spring Stock!

We wish to announce that we are ready for business with our new spring stock. For men we have Clothing, Shoes, Hats, a General Line of Furnishing Goods and Trunks and Valises. For ladies we have Dress Goods, Laces, Embroidreies, Trimmings and a full line of ladies goods. Rugs, Art Squares and Mattings. The Millinery Department in charge of Miss Sadie Davis is complete. Call and see us.

## W. E. Smith Co.,

Selma, N. C.