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THE CITIZENS OF SMITHFIELD RAISE TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR ROADS

In Beatonville, Ingrams, Boon Hill and Cleveland Townships

WORK NOW GOING ON

After Building Her Own Roads Smithfield is Willing to Help Other Sections to Have Better Highways.

The town of Smithfield and all of Johnston County seem to be greatly interested in the building of better public roads and highways. Since the laying out of the Central Highway, a road authorized by the State legislature, there has been a growing interest in this live subject. Among the people interested there are none more wide awake than the people of Beatonville and Ingrams townships. While others are voting taxes for road building, these people are actually building roads. For the past week a large force has been at work on the road from Black creek to Mill creek just this side of the old village of Beatonville.

And Smithfield! Well, Smithfield is at work too. On the second of April, 1903, Smithfield township voted a special tax for the purpose of keeping up her roads. Since that time our people have steadily been trying to make our roads better until now the people of the entire County are sitting up and taking notice of Smithfield township's roads. But that is not all. Smithfield has built her own roads. But she has not stopped there. The town of Smithfield is helping other parts of the county to build better roads.

A mass meeting of the citizens of Smithfield was held in the Court House one night last week for the purpose of seeing how much our people were willing to do towards helping to make the roads better.

It was an enthusiastic meeting. The spirit of progress and reciprocity prevailed.

A resolution of the meeting and a charge of the meeting and a resolution was passed that the town of Smithfield raise ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS for the purpose of aiding other sections in road building—Five hundred dollars to be used in helping to build the road from Black creek to Mill creek in Beatonville township, and five hundred to aid the Central Highway across Cleveland and Boon Hill townships.

There were some who thought that this amount would be very difficult to raise.

But not so. Next morning a committee called on the citizens of the town with the result that not one thousand, but TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS was raised easily.

This shows the Smithfield spirit—the spirit of our slogan, "United and Onward."

This money is already being used in road building and in helping to make our highways better.

Eight years ago the town of Smithfield said she was ready to help build better roads for the township. Now she has done this and has earned a rest. But that's not Smithfield's way. She is willing to help others and shows her willingness by putting up cash also.

And the people of Beatonville, Ingrams, Boon Hill and Cleveland townships along the line of the roads mentioned are not only furnishing labor and teams, but they are putting up cash also.

We heard the other day of a man who claimed that he could do his best work when he was drunk. But this is a claim that will not hold good in all cases.

FIFTY-NINE YEARS IN ASYLUM PATIENT DIES.

Fulton, Mo., Aug. 5.—Charles Thorp, 89 years old, for nearly 59 years a patient in the Fulton State Hospital for the insane, died here yesterday. But one who was sent here during the early days of Thorp's stay remains. He is William P. Cook, who has been in the asylum for 51 years.

The cases of Thorp and Cook are said to be without equals in the annals of the asylums of this country.

WILL MEET AFTER 44 YEARS.

Brother and Sister Lived Only 23 Miles Apart.

York, Pa., Aug. 4.—Joseph McCoy, of Stewardstown, and Mrs. R. P. Newport, of this city, will shortly shake hands and kiss each other for the first time in 44 years.

They are brother and sister and have been living within 23 miles of one another, yet did not know it.

Mrs. Newport was the wife of Baltzer Newport, and for a time lived in Gettysburg. The brother and sister wrote letters to each other at different times, but they failed to reach their destination, and they each concluded that the other was dead. About a week ago Daniel Newport, a nephew, happened to be in the neighborhood of McCoy's home and discovered their relationship. McCoy then learned that his sister was still living.

GIRL KILLED, NINE OTHERS HURT.

In Crash Between Automobile and an Electric Car.

New Bedford, Mass., Aug. 7.—A girl was killed and nine other persons were hurt, some of them seriously, when an automobile containing six children and two men crashed into an electric car on the Fairhaven bridge last night. The dead girl is Alice Wright, aged 15 years.

TWO HUSBANDS KILL WIVES FOR BURGLARS.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 6.—Two husbands within 200 miles of each other killed their respective wives through mistaking them for burglars.

Both women were injured in the same part of the body. Mrs. Luther Morris, of Rio, La., was shot in the shoulder and her arm was amputated at the New Orleans Hospital. She died a few hours later.

Jasper Green, of Aberdeen, Miss., thinking his wife a burglar, shot her. Fackshot struck her in the shoulder tearing off her arm and killing her instantly.

Tied His Wife to Team of Mules.

Liberty, Mo., Aug. 4.—A tale of almost incredible cruelty was related in the courtroom of Justice of the Peace William C. Courtney, Sr., to-day as a result of which LaFayette Choat, a farmer, was held to appear before the Clay county grand jury in November on the charge of feloniously beating his wife, whom he tied with a team of mules with which he was harrowing a large field.

The judge and a large audience heard the woman say that her husband had knocked her down, tied her hands behind her and forced her to walk with his mules while he harrowed six times around a large field. His bond was fixed at \$2,000.

WHEELBARROW MAN GETS TO NEW YORK.

New York, August 5.—Frank Orr, of Charlotte, N. C., ended here this afternoon his 1,000 mile walk from Atlanta, begun June 23 for a wager of \$500. He started without money or matches, and pushed a wheelbarrow before him the entire way, not being allowed to ask for food or money on the trip. He was seven days ahead of the schedule time of 48 days.

TO GIVE FINGER FOR CHILD.

A Chicago Mother Willing to Accept Offer in Order to Secure Musical Education for Her Daughter.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Mrs. Minnie O'Herrin says she will gladly sacrifice the index finger of her right hand in order to give her six-year-old daughter, Isla, a musical education.

The buyer of the living finger, if the transaction is culminated, will be Mrs. Reginald Waldorf, of Philadelphia, whose index finger on the right hand was injured by a cut from a rusty nail. Blood poisoning resulted, and the finger was amputated.

"There is but one thing that can restore your hand to its former condition," said the surgeon who amputated the digit. "Some other woman whose finger will fit and who is willing to sell her finger must be found. The new finger can be amputated and grafted on."

So an advertisement was published in the Philadelphia papers inviting proposals for a finger.

Mrs. O'Herrin saw the advertisement and wrote that she would make the sacrifice.

"Are you willing to have your finger cut off to buy the education for Isla?" was asked.

"Why, certainly," answered Mrs. O'Herrin. "Haven't I made every other sacrifice a mother is capable of making for her? I will be the happiest woman in the world if this can be done."

4.83 INCHES OF RAIN IN A DAY.

Drouth in Eastern North Carolina Effectually Broken.

Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 4.—The drouth which has been seriously affecting crop conditions throughout the Eastern section of the State, was effectively broken to-day by a general rainfall.

The precipitation here was 4.83 inches, the greatest in 24 hours since in 1887. Trains are being separated with extreme care tonight.

OCCUPIES PULPIT AT 96.

Methodist Preacher As Vigorous As He Was 50 Years Ago.

Midletown, N. Y., Aug. 6.—Rev. O. F. Crandall, who will be 96 years old on October 20, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Ridgebury, five miles from this city, to-day and discoursed for 20 minutes on the text "Prepare To Meet Thy God." There was a large congregation present and the preacher astonished all by his vigor.

Aside from failing eyesight and somewhat impaired hearing, Rev. Mr. Crandall is in good physical condition and his mind is apparently as clear as it was 50 years ago.

For more than 60 years he was a minister in the New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but some years ago, owing to advanced age, he took a superannuated relation.

Raleigh Has 100 Trains a Day.

Raleigh, Aug. 7.—It is a most creditable fact that Raleigh now has one hundred regular trains running in and out of the city on the several roads each twenty-four hours. Of these forty-eight are passenger trains and fifty-two are freight trains. The Southern has eight passenger and eight freight trains in and out of the city; the Seaboard Air Line has ten freight and ten passenger trains each way; the Norfolk & Southern has six freight and six passenger trains each day and the Raleigh & Southport six passenger trains and eight freight trains.

STORM CAUSES GIRL'S DEATH.

Death of Window Blown In Severs Artery in Her Neck.

Punxsutawney, Pa., Aug. 4.—During a heavy thunderstorm early to-day the wind blew in a window at the residence of George Kuntz, and a piece of the flying glass struck his daughter Stella on the neck. An artery was severed, and the child died within half an hour.

LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE FOR BENSON

MANY CITIZENS UNITE FOR BETTER TOWN.

Mayor Wellons, of Smithfield, Talks About Good Roads.—Mrs. Carl Young Died Sunday.—Events of Saturday Indicate Good Blind Tigger Business.—Personal Notes of Interest.

Benson, Aug. 10.—A large number of our townspeople left yesterday on an excursion running from Durham to Norfolk.

Mr. W. H. Slocumb spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Newton Grove.

Mr. David Stephenson, of Pleasant Grove township, was in town Monday.

Miss Sadie Hall, of Fayetteville, was here several days recently, the guest of Miss Anderson.

Mr. Kimmons Barbour, of Elevation, was a visitor to Benson Monday.

Misses Julia Canaday and Mary Turlington returned from Smithfield Tuesday, where they had been spending several days.

Mr. Sion Ivey, of the L. O. Matthews Lumber Company, went to Clinton Monday on business.

Miss Mary Richardson, of Wendell, is here for a few days, the guest of Miss Meta Holder.

Misses Nolia and Ila Ennis, of Buies Creek, were here the past week at the home of their aunt, Mrs. S. E. Williams.

Messrs. Ralph and Henry Fetter, of Hamlet, were in town for a few days this week.

Mr. Baldie Barbour went to Wilson Monday and returned with his wife who has been in the Wilson Sanatorium for the past six weeks.

Messrs. Eli Cavenaugh and Troy Holmes, of Wilmington, have been here this week, the guest of friends.

Mr. Bradley Johnson, of Emporia, Va., spent Sunday and Monday in town.

Rev. Hays Farrish, of Wilson, has been here recently for a few days in the interest of the Atlantic Christian College.

A game of ball played on the Benson diamond Monday afternoon between the Dunn and Buies Creek teams resulted in a score of seven to one for Dunn.

Mr. J. W. Whittenton is having a Western Union clock placed in his jewelry store for the benefit of his customers and the public. The clock is automatic and corrects itself daily from Washington City. Mr. Whittenton now has one of the most up-to-date jewelry stores of any town in North Carolina.

We regret to note the death of Dr. Carl Young's wife, which took place Sunday afternoon in Rex Hospital at Raleigh. Mrs. Young, formerly Miss Maud Grimes, was well known here, having taught in the Benson school three years ago, making many strong friends while here.

James A. Wellons, Mayor of Smithfield, was here yesterday and spoke to the citizens of our town on the "Good Roads" question. Mr. Wellons showed to those who heard him that it is much cheaper to a community to have good roads, as they go hand in hand with progress and prosperity, and that no people can afford to neglect the highways.

Among those of our town who attended the meeting of the County Commissioners at Smithfield Monday, we note the following: Messrs. E. F. Moore, Eli Turlington, A. E. Surles, Bob Stevens, Red Farmer, Willie Moore and J. W. Creech.

The scenes which took place here Saturday would have disgraced an Indian war camp on the return of the warriors loaded down with scalps when everyone is supposed to tank up, fight freely, and celebrate the victory by drinking his brother's blood. Evidently the blind tigers had a good day, judging from the number of fights, and the unprovoked assault that was made on a peaceful citizen of our town. The days have come when the law-abiding citizens of the town should draw a dead line on such outrageous conduct, and, judging from the wise and judicious punishments that have been recent-

ly imposed on wilful violators of the law the writer has no doubt but that the mayor will do his duty in the cases and mete out justice to the offenders who seem to lose all self-respect, and disregard the law when they come to our town.

A much needed society has recently been organized in our town. Known to the initiated as "The Law and Order League," it has for its purpose the suppression of lawlessness and the enforcement of the laws of our town and community, as well as the upbuilding of the town financially. This order has been needed here for quite a while owing to the fact that at times it appears that our officers can't secure enough police to enforce the law properly. An enthusiastic meeting was held Monday night and means were discussed whereby a stop might be put to such scenes as were witnessed on the streets here last Saturday night. The League has the following members enrolled: J. H. Rose, W. H. Royal, J. F. Woodall, A. Parrish, L. Gilbert, W. T. Martin, C. T. Johnson, R. T. Surles, J. F. Lee, M. T. Britt, J. W. Whittenton, O. A. Barbour, W. C. Woodall, Edgar Johnson, Eli Turlington, J. R. Barbour, L. E. Stevens, L. B. Pope, J. L. Hall, D. E. Raynor, J. H. Godwin, W. M. Weeks, A. W. Hodges, Dr. H. H. Utley, I. C. Hall, W. H. Holmes, Preston Woodall, P. B. Johnson, Dr. W. H. Rowland, J. M. Britt, A. T. Tart, Oscar Johnson, R. C. Pool, W. D. Boon, Jake Greenthal, J. E. Wall, R. F. Smith, J. S. Lawhon, Dr. F. T. Moore, E. F. Moore, R. I. Austin, B. J. Matthews and E. Fonville. If this order serves the purpose for which it is intended, and very few who were present at the meeting Monday night seem to doubt that it will, it will accomplish that which here-to-fore the town officials, however diligent, have failed to do.

DOWN FOUR OAKS WAY.

Four Oaks, Aug. 9.—Mrs. Walter Fulford and son, of New Bern, are visiting Mrs. C. R. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stanley and little ones, of Selma, are here on a visit to Chief W. D. Stanley and Mr. W. R. Keen.

Miss Sudie McNeil, of Buies Creek, also Master Lillian Cox, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Adams, near town recently.

Misses Pauline Bryan, of Buies Creek, Pearl Stancil, of Smithfield, Stella Creech, of Benson, and Estelle Tiffin, of Georgia, are guests of Miss Gilda Creech this week.

Miss Mildred Vick, of Godwin, visited her sister, Mrs. H. A. Parker, last week.

Mr. John Wilson, of Dunn, spent Sunday with Mr. S. K. Massengill.

Messrs. W. M. Sanders, F. K. Broadhurst, Ed. Matthews, Ransom Sanders and Dock Braswell, of Smithfield and Ed. Edgerton, of Selma, were in town recently.

Mr. W. E. Honeycutt, of Linden, is visiting his father-in-law, Mr. D. W. Adams.

Misses Ruth and Mildred Sanders, of Smithfield, were guests of Miss Ruth Adams Sunday night.

Messrs. Chas. Creech and Alden Thornton, of McColl, S. C., are here shaking hands with their many friends.

Mr. Hunter Creech, who has been in the employ of the A. C. L., at Wilson, is at home.

Mr. Jno. T. Cole, who has been at Hot Springs, Ark., taking the Bath for Rheumatism, is at home again much improved in health.

Mr. Burt Barefoot and family spent last week in upper Harnett, at the home of Mr. Barefoot's father.

Mr. C. W. Bandy has returned from Greensboro, where he went to see his father, who is very ill.

Mrs. G. K. Massengill and children have gone to Dunn to spend some time with relatives.

Mr. C. D. Stroup and family returned home Tuesday, after spending some time in Western North Carolina, the home of Mr. Stroup.

Mrs. Hines passed away very unexpectedly at the home of her daughter Mrs. D. C. Adams, Sunday at 11:00 o'clock. She leaves a host of sorrowing relatives, friends and children.

With all the charges made against James K. Vardaman, the choice of Mississippi's voters in the recent primary for United States Senator, so far as we recall, no one has charged him with being drunk while in office.

TOBACCO HIGH IN SOUTH CAROLINA

PRESENT INDICATIONS POINT TO SHORT CROP.

Reports Received by Department of Agriculture. Prices Higher Than Before. American Tobacco Journal Calls Attention to Various Markets in South Carolina.

The year tobacco reports for the year have been received at the State department of Agriculture and the summary on the crop will be issued in a few days. It is estimated that the crop will not be as large as last year.

The following is from the American Tobacco Journal:

"The South Carolina tobacco markets opened for the season on July 20, with the usual number of farmers and buyers in attendance. Prices ranged from \$1 to \$2 on an average higher than in 1910. The crop will likely not exceed 10,000,000 pounds, and the season will be a short one.

"At Mullins, about 50,000 pounds were sold the first day, at an average price of \$6.25.

"At Timmonsville, the average was \$7.50, and inasmuch as the offerings were what are known as sand lugs, the price was the highest ever known for that grade.

"Kingstons sold 40,000 pounds on the opening day at an average of 6½ cents. There was nothing but lugs offered, some of which brought as high as 11 cents per pound, which clearly indicates that prices this season will be far above the averages of other years.

"There were more buyers in attendance at Lake City than ever before. The first day's sale amounted to 76,243 pounds, which brought an average of \$6.75, which was far ahead of the average for the same grade of tobacco sold last year at that point.

"At Florence the highest price paid was 11½ cents, while the majority of other prices were from 5 to 7 cents. The sales there, as elsewhere, were of inferior quality of tobacco, and prices exceeded expectations.—Columbia State.

6 INCHES RAIN IN TWO HOURS.

Northwestern Kansas Has Cloud-burst and Tornado.

Smith Centre, Kan., Aug. 4.—Northwestern Kansas was flooded by a cloudburst yesterday, and all streams are out of their banks.

Six inches of rain fell here in two hours. Swollen streams carried out bridges and culverts worth \$100,000. The Rock Island Railroad lost 30 bridges and culverts in 45 miles.

Harlan, 15 miles south of here, was struck by a tornado and several houses were blown down. A flour mill was laid low, and its wreckage was swept away.

Much live stock was killed, but no person was seriously hurt.

Costly Pastime.

Last week Jesse Pearce and his son William David Pearce, were in the Recorder's Court, charged with selling whiskey. They were found guilty and Jesse Pearce was fined one hundred dollars and his part of the costs while the younger man was fined fifty dollars and his half of the costs. They gave bond for their appearance at the Court last Tuesday. When it was shown to the Court that they had sold out their interest in the crop they were making and signified their intention of moving away from the community, the Recorder reduced the fines to \$50 and \$25 respectively. They were also before the court a few weeks ago charged with an attack on Mr. B. E. Gardner. In this case they were fined fifty and twenty dollars, respectively, and the costs. In each case the father was considered the chief offender and was given the heavier fine. In both cases the fines and costs amounted to about \$196, the old man paying \$119 and the young man about \$77. Selling liquor and fighting was a rather expensive pastime for these two men.