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SMITHFIELD'S NEW OFFICERS.

Newly Elected Mayor and Town Aldermen Sworn in Yesterday Afternoon For a Two Years' Term. Only Three New Men on the Board.

In the election held here Tuesday the following gentlemen were elected to have charge of the town's affairs for the next two years:

Mayor—L. H. Allred.
Alderman First Ward—Dr. N. T. Holland.
Aldermen Second Ward—Harry P. Stevens and S. C. Turnage.
Aldermen Third Ward—N. B. Grantham and H. L. Skinner.
Aldermen Fourth Ward—J. D. Underwood and J. W. Stephenson.

The new Mayor and Board were sworn in yesterday afternoon and will administer the affairs of Smithfield for the coming two years. Of the Board, Messrs. Grantham, Stevens, Holland and Underwood have been aldermen for the past several years. Messrs. Stephenson, Turnage and Skinner are the three new men on the Board.

The Board was organized and the following were elected for the ensuing term:

Mayor Pro Tem—J. W. Stephenson.
Clerk—N. M. Lawrence, Jr.
Treasurer—C. V. Johnson.
Chief of Police—C. R. Turner.
Tax Collector—E. S. Sanders.
Town Attorney—S. S. Holt.
Fire Committee—J. W. Stephenson.
Water and Lights Committee—H. L. Skinner.

Street Committee—H. P. Stevens.
Finance Committee—N. B. Grantham and J. D. Underwood.
Sanitary Committee—S. C. Turnage.

Public Buildings—Dr. N. T. Holland.

Our new mayor, Hon. L. H. Allred, is a lawyer and has represented Johnston County in the lower House of the General Assembly for the past six years. He is well known over the State as one of the leading young men in the Legislature. That he will give a good account of himself in his new position as mayor of the progressive town of Smithfield is a foregone conclusion. Aftable in manner and popular with the people he enters his new position with the entire town back of him. He is a worthy successor of our retiring worthy mayor, Hon. James A. Wellons.

All the members of the Board of Aldermen are well known business men of the town who will give their best service to the town's affairs for the next two years. The old town has been moving forward for the past few years as never before in its history and the men whom the people have chosen to have charge for the next two years will keep up the same pace or do even better.

Wireless 2000 Miles by Day.

Washington, May 3.—The first daylight wireless message received from the Panama canal zone at the Arlington naval station came on Friday last. The distance between the points is 2000 miles. The message was sent by Captain Rodman, superintendent of the canal, to Captain Bullard, who is in charge of the Arlington station, and congratulated Captain Bullard on the opening of new wireless communication between the canal zone and Arlington.

Heretofore all messages from the navy department to the canal zone, and vice versa, have been sent at night.

Bank Wins McArthur Case.

Raleigh, N. C., May 4.—The Citizens' National Bank, of Norfolk, has won its suit against Adam McArthur and Mrs. M. C. McArthur, in the noted contest over the genuineness of their signatures to notes worth \$25,000, according to a telegram from Richmond this afternoon.

The Circuit Court of Appeals sustained Judge Connor. The case was the hardest fought in recent legal history. The case may be appealed to the United States Court.

Town Election in Pine Level.

In the town election held for Pine Level Tuesday Mr. Lawrence Brown was elected Mayor and Messrs. Thos. White, B. L. Strickland and C. I. Godwin were elected as Commissioners.

THE WEATHER IN THE SOUTH.

Summary of Weather and Crop Conditions in the Cotton Region for Week Ending May 4th, 1915.

Washington, D. C., May 5.—In the cotton belt east of the Mississippi river showers gave local relief but the drought continues largely unabated and cotton is generally germinating and growing slowly. In Texas dry and sunny weather is badly needed, showers and cloudy weather during the week prevented the soil from drying and farm work is practically at a standstill and much replanting is necessary. In the other states west of the Mississippi river the week was generally favorable except too wet in portions of Oklahoma and Arkansas, and drought is severe in portions of Louisiana.

In central and eastern portions of the southern trucking districts crops continue to suffer from lack of moisture, corn doing fairly well but oats, grass and small fruits considerably damaged.

ONE DAY'S WAR NEWS.

The fortifications of Altkirch, in Upper Alsace, were heavily bombarded by French artillery.

Invasion of Turkish territory on the mainland in Asia is reported unofficially to have been begun by the allied forces. An Athens dispatch says that troops were landed at a point 35 miles from Smyrna.

It is also said the bombardment of Smyrna has been resumed and that the shelling of the Turkish forts at the Dardanelles continues.

The official French report of today states that another attack on the British positions near Ypres, Belgium, was made yesterday by Germans. The attack, it is said, was driven back. The French War Office also announces that ground was gained as the result of an assault on German positions in the Argonne, near Bagatelle.

The new submarine campaign of the Germans is being prosecuted with undiminished activity, and another British vessel has been torpedoed. The steamer Minterne, with a cargo of coal for the River Plate, was attacked off Scilly Islands, with the loss of two lives.

The American Embassy at London has arranged for an investigation of the torpedoing of the American steamer Gulfight, for the purpose of making a report to Washington.

Thirty thousand Russian soldiers, 22 cannon and 64 machine guns were captured in the battle of West Galicia.

British troops are advancing into the interior of the Gallipoli Peninsula, and the bombardment of the Turkish forts on the Gulf of Smyrna has been resumed. The Allies' warships continue shelling the forts on the Dardanelles.

In a three-day battle the Russians defeated the Turks in Persia and inflicted heavy losses.

The allied forces have taken the offensive on the Gallipoli Peninsula and are advancing into the interior.—Baltimore American, 5th.

PASSED GREATER PART OF LIVES IN SLEEP.

Brillat-Savarin, says the London Chronicle, had two sisters who passed by far the greater part of their lives asleep, and both, thanks to the regime, nearly attained a hundred years. These ladies lived at a country home belonging to the author of "La Physiologie du Gout," which he used only in September and October. They remained in bed for ten months of the year, getting up two days before his arrival to prepare for him, and living a normal life during his stay. On his departure they would say: "Adieu, Antheime, a l'annee prochaine, nous allons nous coucher." One of them died at the age of 99, as she was finishing dinner, her last words being, "Hurry up with the dessert!"

Raleigh Man Left \$300,000 Estate.

Raleigh, N. C., May 5.—The will of Moses W. Woodard, filed for probate today, discloses an estate estimated to be at least \$300,000. Mr. Woodard died here last week. The estate is left in trust for Mrs. Woodard, and daughter, Miss Bessie Woodard, and son, Moses W. Woodard, Jr.

BENSON NEWS BUDGET.

Some of the Happenings of the Week Told in Brief. Town Election Passed off Quietly With the Democratic Ticket Winning.

Benson, May 6.—Rev. A. T. Lassiter, of Lillington, and Rev. A. R. McQueen, of Dunn, were visitors to Benson last week.

Mr. Hunter Creech, of Four Oaks, was here Saturday on business. Mrs. M. T. Britt and son, Deleon, left last Saturday for several days visit to relatives in Clinton.

Mrs. R. R. Covington, of Laurinburg, left Monday for her home, after spending several days here with her sister, Mrs. J. R. Barbour.

Mr. M. T. Britt spent Wednesday and Thursday in Fayetteville on business.

Mrs. J. R. Barbour left Monday for Hamlet, where she will visit for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Bryant, of Clayton, were here Sunday and Monday.

Mr. W. O. Rackley has purchased the home on Hill Street occupied by Mr. Will Weeks. Just when he will move into his new home has not yet been announced.

Messrs. W. E. Barbour and Ralph Canaday, of Four Oaks, were here Sunday spending the day with friends.

Mr. R. F. Smith left yesterday morning for Wilson, Goldsboro and other towns representing the Smith Screen and Door Factory of our town.

Mrs. Ira Hall went to Parkton Monday for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Woodall and Miss Flora Canaday spent Sunday near Clayton with Mr. F. L. Woodall. Mrs. Loyd Surles went to Dunn Monday where she will visit for several days.

Messrs. P. B. Johnson and J. E. Wilson were visitors to Clinton Monday.

Mr. Preston Woodall went to Smithfield Monday on business.

Mr. J. T. Allen, of Four Oaks, was here Wednesday on business.

Messrs. A. B. Adams and George Canaday, of Dunn, were here Tuesday on business.

Mrs. E. P. Britt was taken to Wilson Hospital Tuesday for an operation. Her condition is reported favorable.

Mr. S. E. Williams went to Raleigh Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stevens went to Richmond today, taking their little child for an operation.

Messrs. J. H. Godwin, Claud Canaday and J. E. Hobbs were visitors to Smithfield Wednesday.

Mr. W. S. Murchison went to Raleigh this week for a few days business.

Mrs. Raper is here for several days visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Barbour are moving to the house recently vacated by Mr. Jim Lee.

A revival will be conducted here beginning the 4th day of July, by Rev. Raymond Browning. He is an evangelist of national reputation and will undoubtedly attract large congregations while here.

Mr. Joe Allen, who has been home for several months from the United States Army, was married last week to Miss Hattie Byrd. He will soon return to Panama, taking his bride with him.

The town election passed off quietly here Tuesday the old mayor and board of commissioners being re-elected by a larger majority than they have received in several years. The Republican ticket was defeated by about thirty-seven majority.

The world contains 100,000,000 horses.

Democrats Elected in Princeton.

Princeton, N. C., May 5.—The Town election passed off quietly in Princeton on Tuesday, May 4th. Dr. Oscar Eason was re-elected Mayor, W. J. Massey was re-elected town commissioner, and Dr. B. L. Aycock, Clifton G. Holt, and Ed. A. Holt were elected new commissioners.

The Republican ticket was defeated, which was Mills Rose for Mayor, who received only 12 votes. Those on the ticket for commissioners were S. R. Brady, W. F. Young, W. F. Jones and W. C. Massey.

Occasionally a man can be an ornament to society without being of any particular use.—Omaha Bee.

THE NEWS IN SELMA.

Mr. J. B. Waddell Elected Mayor. Death of Mr. J. R. Lewis. Other Matters of Interest.

Selma, May 6.—Miss Ruby Griffin is visiting her sister, Miss Mabel Griffin, at Greenville, N. C.

Capt. Tom Neal came home to vote Tuesday.

Mr. R. B. Covington is out again after being laid up with a sprained knee.

Miss Anne S. Noble has returned from a visit to friends in Washington City.

Mr. H. D. Hood left Wednesday for Henderson, N. C., where he will attend the annual session of the Undertaker's Association.

Mr. P. E. Worley and Mr. N. E. Ward spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Mrs. T. H. Whitley, Mrs. Wm. Richardson and Miss Mamie Richardson spent Tuesday in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Yontz, of Greensboro, are visiting Mrs. F. M. Hood, Mrs. Yontz's sister.

Mr. J. R. Lewis died suddenly last night at his home here. His remains were taken to Spring Hope for interment. He leaves a wife and one daughter, Mrs. P. A. Creech. He was a good citizen and workman. His place will be hard to fill.

Our election passed off very quietly. In fact, it was the most devoid of interest of any election ever held here. There were three candidates for Mayor: Messrs. J. B. Waddell, J. P. Temple and R. L. Ray. Mr. Waddell won, but he did not get a majority of the votes cast. The commissioners elected are Messrs. C. P. Harper, W. M. Brannan, F. M. Hood and W. T. Woodard. All good men and will work for the best interests of our town.

The election for Trustees of the Graded School was a one-sided affair, since there was only one ticket. It was found out on Saturday before the election that the trustees should have been elected last November at the general election, and that any persons voted for now could not take charge of the schools as those voted for two years ago would hold over till November, 1916, there being no law for an election now. Those elected were Messrs. T. M. Benoy, Geo. D. Vick, N. E. Ward, J. H. Worley, W. M. Ferrell, Eli Taylor and C. A. Corbett. Messrs. Vick, Ward and Worley are new members in place of Messrs. I. T. Wood, I. T. Rains and J. J. Deans, who declined to serve any longer.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Two persons were killed by lightning near Farmville Tuesday afternoon.

Lightning destroyed a barn in Davie County Sunday night, two mules being killed.

Editor M. W. Lincke, of the Nashville Graphic, has been elected Mayor of Nashville.

The town of Warsaw began the shipment of strawberries Tuesday.

John H. Preston, Democrat, was elected Mayor of Baltimore Tuesday by a majority of 15,000.

The Federation of Woman's Clubs will meet in High Point next year.

Marshall Rose, a farmer living near Grantham's Store, Wayne County, committed suicide Tuesday night by shooting himself with a shotgun.

Augustus Graydon, a law student, of South Carolina, died suddenly on the ball grounds at Chapel Hill Wednesday afternoon of heart failure. He was 23 years old.

Governor Locke Craig will deliver the commencement address at the State Normal College on May 25th. The Bibles will be presented by Rev. E. Frank Lee, of Greensboro.

The section around Raeford, in Hoke County, was the scene of a terrific hailstorm Tuesday afternoon. It is said that the hailstones were as large as hen eggs. The hailstorm was accompanied by a bad windstorm which leveled barns, tore off shingles from dwelling houses, smashed windows and completely destroyed the cotton crop which was about ready for chopping. Nothing like it was ever seen before in that section.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Called to Meet in Four Oaks Fifth Sunday in May. All Schools Asked to Send Delegates.

Four Oaks, N. C., May 3.—On the fifth Sunday of this month—May 30, 1915, a Sunday School Convention will be held in Four Oaks. All the Sunday schools of the county are invited to send two delegates. This convention is open to all denominations, all Sunday schools in the county, town or country.

Superintendents are asked to take this matter up with their Sunday schools on next Sunday, appoint their delegates, send their names and the time they will arrive at Four Oaks, to F. Hunter Creech, Chairman Committee on Arrangements, so that entertainment can be provided for them.

Superintendents are urged to participate in this movement. Send delegates and a report. Two prominent speakers have been invited for the occasion and it is expected to be featured with good music and good speaking. The program will last all day.

KENLY NEWS.

Kenly, May 5.—The music lovers of Kenly had the pleasure of hearing the talented Lyceum Trio for the second time on last Thursday evening in the school auditorium. It is not often that our little town is favored with such a treat and we hope that it will be possible to have this Trio visit us again next season.

The many friends of Dr. Leland V. Grady were very much surprised to hear of his marriage on last Wednesday, April 28th, to Miss Kenzie R. Dunkley, of Henderson, N. C. Dr. Grady is an old Kenly boy and we feel proud to own him as one of the most promising physicians in this section. He is located now at Rock Ridge, about twelve miles from Kenly. Miss Dunkley taught school for two years at Rock Ridge and while there made several warm friends in Kenly. We wish for this couple a long and prosperous life.

Rev. G. F. Kirkpatrick, assisted by Rev. T. H. Spence, of Smithfield, is holding a meeting at Stilleys School House this week. Next Sunday is Mr. Kirkpatrick's regular appointment at Selma, preaching there at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Last Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, about two miles from Kenly, Miss Sallie Flowers and Mr. Clinton Pulley were quietly married in the presence of a number of friends, Rev. Mr. Sykes, pastor of the Methodist church, performing the ceremony.

A large crowd from here have been attending the Chautauqua in Goldsboro during the past week.

Mrs. R. A. Turlington has returned from a two weeks' visit to her mother in Roseboro.

Mrs. Z. V. Snipes and Mrs. Herbert Grizzard have been visiting the former's home in Virginia.

BETTER THAN CANAAN.

Dr. N. Y. Guley of Wake Forest Speaks at Ingleside Academy.

Louisburg, May 1.—"This country is now on the beginning of the greatest era of material prosperity that any Nation of the world has ever known without any exception," declared Dr. N. Y. Guley, dean of the law faculty of Wake Forest College, in his address at the closing exercises of the Ingleside Academy. "The land of milk and honey which Moses saw from the Pisgah's lofty height pales into insignificance in comparison with the outstretched field of prosperity in this country after the European war ceases."

In the opinion of the doctor of the law, that event can not take place until all the contending Nations have exhausted themselves and their resources, which will probably require three or four years. In the meantime the center of trade has already been transferred from London to New York City. The great tidal wave of prosperity of which he spoke is due to strike these shores this Fall, indeed it has already begun.—Charlotte Observer.

"Auntie, did you ever get a proposal?" "Once, dear. A gentleman asked me to marry him over the telephone, but he had the wrong number."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

JOHN W. AYCOCK DEAD.

Was Cashier of Planters' National Bank, Rocky Mount, and a Brother of Mr. R. N. Aycock of Smithfield.

Rocky Mount, May 6.—John W. Aycock, aged forty-two, cashier of the Planters' National Bank, and one of the best known bankers in the State, died at his home at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Although knowing that his malady was fatal, and that the end soon would come, Mr. Aycock made a noble fight for his life and never once was the pain which he suffered made known to his friends or business associates. He bore it all with a cheerfulness and a faith in the Savior that was characteristic of his whole life.

As a tribute to Mr. Aycock the doors of the bank are closed today.

Mr. Aycock is survived by his wife and two small children, Claudia and John, his mother, who lives at Micro, N. C.; five brothers, Leslie P. Aycock, assistant cashier of the Planters National Bank of this city; R. N. Aycock, cashier of the First National Bank of Smithfield, N. C.; C. H. Aycock, assistant cashier of the Bank of Rockingham; E. O. Aycock, lumberman of Micro; Dr. B. L. Aycock, dentist of Princeton; and two sisters.

The funeral services were conducted from the home at 10 o'clock this morning by Rev. R. C. Craven, pastor of the First Methodist church. Interment was at Pineview cemetery.

SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS.

Nine trawlers have been sunk by a large German submarine in the North Sea. All the crews escaped. One trawler managed to escape.

Evidence before the coroner's jury was to the effect that the American steamer Gulfight was torpedoed by a submarine while flying a large United States flag. The jury brought in a verdict that Captain Gunter died from heart failure brought on by the shock.

Russians are reported to be pursuing the fleeing Turks in the Caucasus. A dispatch from Mytilene reports that a Turkish regiment was annihilated during the fighting at Dardanelles.

Two Turkish aeroplanes which attacked the allied fleet at the Dardanelles were brought down by the fire of the warships.

The Germans' claim of notable advances on the western front are denied by the Allies. Though the British admit a temporary setback in the Ypres region, the French claim to have repulsed the Germans.

While the Russians admit an Austro-German advance in Western Galicia, they claim to have checked it and are still pushing on in Eastern Galicia.

Japanese warships arrived in Chinese waters to remove the Japanese legation, and cannon were mounted without opposition in the suburbs of Tsinan.—Baltimore American, 6th.

BUNELL BITS.

Rev. J. E. Lanier filled his regular appointment at Burnell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Massengill visited Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Johnson Sunday.

Misses Mamy and Callie Ryals, of the Alaska section, spent Sunday with Miss Tida Tyner.

Miss Lydia Johnson was the guest of Miss Alice Allen Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Jones, of near Smithfield, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tyner Sunday.

Misses Lucy Morgan, Lena and Annie Johnson visited the Misses Tyner Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. James A. Johnson, of Benson, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Lucy Woodall, this week.

Mr. Willis Allen had the misfortune of losing a dwelling house beside a lot of lumber by fire Tuesday night. No one seems to know how the fire originated.

BLUE BELLE.

Reduction in Planting.

Raleigh, May 5.—A reduction of cotton planting by twenty per cent regardless of the rise in cotton during the past two weeks was predicted today by Major W. A. Graham, State Commissioner of Agriculture.