

SELMA SCHOOL NEWS.

The Selma school opened last Monday, January 1. Most of the old pupils were here the first day. We had a number of new pupils present also.

L. R.

We are all very sorry that we have lost one of the pupils of the eleventh grade. Keith Jones, one of the most popular pupils, has moved away. We hope that he will continue to do as well in his new home as he did here. We now have five pupils in the eleventh grade. They are as follows: Lillian Roberts, Rosa Waddell, Edward Edgerton, Daughtridge Reynolds and Grace Rector.—G. R.

The prospects of a Basket Ball team this year are very good. We have several good players to pick from. We will have with us again soon our old forwards, B. Henry and Edward Creech. They have been playing during their time on the border and are in good condition. We have in school now one of Spring Hope's last year's players, who will make a good center. This is one player that the school is very much in need of. As the basket ball season opens this month, we hope to start out with a winning team and bring the championship pennant back to Selma again. D. S. R.

The electric lights and radiators have recently been put into the new school building. Up until this time, there have been radiators in the chapel and in the rooms on the upper floors, but there have been none in the basement. The building is now completed with the exception of the seats for the chapel. We hope to have these by the last of this week. G. R.

Before Christmas the radiators were in the chapel and the upper floors, but they were not in the basement. The study hall and recitation rooms were not very comfortable. Now the radiators and also the electric lights have been installed.—R. W. Selma, January 3, 1917.

A Bad Place In Road.

There is a bad place in the Smithfield and Goldsboro road, length about a mile just east of the depot at Smithfield. Eight automobiles are said to have stalled there in one day last week. Mr. D. H. Winslow says that a split road drag costing two dollars and four dollars worth of work done with this drag would make the road passable and improve it very much.

NEWS OF THE WORLD IN BRIEF.

Four thousand employes at the Springs Cotton Mills at South Carolina have been given a 10 per cent increase in wages.

President Wilson has appointed Lieut. Col. Chester Harding, Army Engineer Corps, to be Governor of the Panama Canal Zone.

In November 55 railroads, reporting to the Interstate Commerce Commission, earned \$127,403,269 and expended \$84,721,003.

The Navy Department has opened bids for the construction of three scout cruisers, to cost not more than \$5,000,000 each, and one ammunition ship.

In an effort to effect economies the Chicago council finance committee has ordered the names of 174 employes stricken from the city's payroll.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad has ordered 1,000 steel hopper cars from the Pullman Co., and 1,000 composite hopper cars from the Standard Steel Company.

Two firemen were killed and six others injured when an auto engine of Union Hill, N. J., answering an alarm, skidded and ran into a lot and against a tree, Thursday.

Increases of about 10 per cent in salaries of all teachers and other employes of the Pittsburgh schools receiving \$75 a month or less have been approved by the Board of Education of that city.

Secretary Lansing conferred with Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, last Thursday and urged that Congress soon provide the \$25,000,000 to pay for the Danish West Indies and also determine the form of government of the newly acquired islands.

Count Tarnowski, the new Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to the United States, will sail for New York from Rotterdam on January 13, the State Department was advised last week. He will be accompanied by a suite of seven persons, including a new secretary of the Embassy.

Mr. Subscriber, watch your label.

STATE NEWS.

According to plans now being considered by the city commissioners, between \$200,000 and \$250,000 will be spent this year on new streets in Asheville. When the work that is now planned has been completed, it is believed that Asheville will have one of the finest street systems of any city in the South.

Deputy Sheriff W. W. Smith, of Maxton, is experimenting with a new fertilizer. The hulls of the cottonseed, a refuse from the oil mill, after the oil and meal has been extracted. This he has broadcasted and harrowed into the soil and expects it to be a success. These hulls have heretofore been supposed valueless.

Sixty-one new cases of measles in Durham Friday caused local health authorities to take more drastic steps toward quarantine of the 1,500 cases believed to exist in the city. Nowhere in all of North Carolina, it is declared, are there as many cases as prevail in Durham at the present time. Yellow placards proclaiming measles are being placed on every house in which there is a case. One entire street in which every house a case of measles is said to exist, has been quarantined.

Dr. S. B. Turrentine, president of Greensboro College for Women, made an interesting announcement at the college Friday night at the supper table, says the Greensboro News. He stated to the students that \$10,000 had been pledged for the proposed new dormitory from C. G. Bailey, of Advance, Davie County. This generous gift together with what has already been promised will insure the erection of this building for the coming year. This is not the first time Mr. Bailey has shown an interest in this institution. A few years ago when money was being raised for the erection of the Fitzgerald hall, Mr. Bailey contributed \$500 for the building of a room.

State Treasurer B. R. Lacy has made his report to the governor and offers minor recommendations as to office policy and equipment. He gives the State fine economic health and shows State institutions and other property valued at \$19,168,808. Again this is a charge of \$9,224,825. This includes bonds amounting to more than \$8,000,000. The balance in the State's favor is \$9,943,80. The railroad stock at par is worth nearly half of the debt. The treasurer does not ask for any increase in salary for himself but does pray for a raise in behalf of his help. He would give his chief clerk \$3,000, the teller \$2,000, the institutional clerk \$1,800 and the stenographer, "who is really corporation clerk," \$1,200.

"You call that machine of yours a flivver?" "Yes," returned Mr. Chuggins; "and with gasoline liable to rise in price at any time, my hardest problem is the high cost of flivving.—Washington Star.

Belle Isle, made famous in fiction by Dumas' Man in the Iron Mask, now is a prison for Germans of rank captured in the war.

FOOD PRICES TOOK A JUMP. Potatoes Led Increase In One Month With 21 Per Cent.

Food prices advancing throughout the year took a 4 per cent jump from October 15 to November 15, as shown in tables prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, says a Washington City news item. Beef alone of all staple foods grew cheaper, while ham, bacon, rice, coffee and tea remained about the same.

Potatoes made the greatest price gain, rising 21 per cent in 30 days; eggs and flour went up 13 per cent, beans 11 per cent, lard 10 per cent and meal 8 per cent.

A special table devoted to prices in New York shows big increases during the year. Potatoes led with a price increase of 103 per cent, flour rose 56 per cent, cheese 24 per cent, lard 46 per cent, onions 45 per cent and sugar 37 per cent.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Hardie D. Sanders, deceased, late of Johnston County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, at P. O. Box 27, R. F. D. No. 1, Smithfield, N. C., on or before the 2nd day of January, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 1st day of January, 1917. A. F. SANDERS, Administrator of Hardie D. Sanders. ABELL & WARD, Attorneys.

PERFECTION SMOKELESS OIL HEATERS. The Weather Man Makes Mistakes. He may mix a January day in a November week, and the furnace man may have an Esquimo's idea of comfort. But the weather man's mistakes, and the furnace man's shortcomings won't interfere with your comfort if you have a Perfection Smokeless Oil Heater. Clean. Inexpensive to buy, inexpensive to use. Handsome. Durable — and light enough to carry anywhere. Don't dress in a chilly room, or shiver over a cold breakfast. Get a Perfection. It's warming 2,000,000 homes today. Ask any good department store, furniture or hardware dealer. Use Aladdin Security Oil — for best results. STANDARD OIL COMPANY (New Jersey) BALTIMORE. Washington, D. C. Norfolk, Va. Richmond, Va. Charlotte, N. C. Charleston, W. Va. Charleston, S. C.

NOTICE OF SALE.

North Carolina, Johnston County, In the Superior Court, December Term, 1916. Joseph E. Lassiter, vs. William C. Lassiter, Rosella Lassiter, et als.

Under and by virtue of the authority contained in a decree of the Superior Court in the above entitled cause the undersigned commissioner will offer for sale, for cash, to the highest bidder at the Court House door in the town of Smithfield, on Monday, January 15th, 1917, at 12 o'clock M., the following described property, to-wit:

Begins at a pine (formerly) Carol Langdon's corner and runs with his line N. 190 poles to a black gum (formerly) Willis Sanders corner, now W. C. Langdon's corner; thence E. 59 poles to a stake in Z. L. LeMay's line S. 20. E. 200 poles to a stake; thence W. 122 poles to the beginning, containing 11 1/2 acres, more or less. The same being the land decreed to W. R. Snead by R. A. Johnson and wife as will be seen by reference to Book "Y" No. 5, at page 84, also Book "H" No. 7 at page 273 of the Registry of Johnston County. This is a valuable piece of land and is situated in a good community. This December 14, 1916. E. J. WELLS, Commissioner.

WELLS & WELLS, Attorneys.

NOTICE OF SALE.

North Carolina, Johnston County, In the Superior Court, December Term, 1916. J. J. Godwin vs. J. T. Colyer and wife, Eula M. Colyer.

Under and by virtue of authority contained in a judgment of the Superior Court made and entered during December Term, 1916, the undersigned commissioner will offer for sale, for cash, to the highest bidder, on the premises, on Monday, January 15th, 1917, at or about 12 o'clock M., the following described tracts or parcels of land lying and being situate in the County and State aforesaid, Oneals township:

Lot No. 3, beginning at a stake in Worley Creech's line and runs with said line S. 39 1/2. E. 27 poles to a persimmon tree; thence S. 70. W. 174 poles to two hickories on the bank of Little River; thence up the run of Little River to a hickory to a corner of Lot No. 2, in the division of the lands of Elwood Colyer, deceased; thence with said line N. 70. E. 169.8 poles to the beginning, containing 28 acres.

Lot Nos. 4 and 5, beginning at a hickory on the bank of Little River, corner of Lot No. 3, and runs with said line N. 70. E. 174 poles to a stake in Worley Creech's line; thence with said line to the run of Isaac Branch; thence up the run of said branch to a stake, Morris Godwin's corner; thence with an old ditch and a line of marked trees to a hickory on Little River; thence up the run of said river to the beginning, containing 56 acres. This December 14th, 1916. E. J. WELLS, Commissioner.

WELLS & WELLS, Attorneys.

TWO OF THE BEST NOVELS OF the year are "Prudence of the Parsonage," and "Prudence Says So." Price \$1.25 each at The Herald Office, Smithfield, N. C.

NOTICE OF SALE.

North Carolina, Johnston County, In the Superior Court, Before the Clerk, December 14th, 1916. Mrs. Pattie Johnson and husband, William H. Johnson, Willie L. Stevens, Floyd P. Stevens and Vesper L. Stevens, vs. Elizabeth Harrison and husband, Cleo Harrison, Clyde V. Stevens, et als.

Under and by virtue of authority contained in a decree made and entered in the action entitled as above the undersigned commissioner will offer for sale, on the premises, on Wednesday, January 17th, 1917, at or about 11 o'clock A. M., the following described lands lying and being situate in Cleveland township, State and County aforesaid, and adjoining the lands of Thad Stevens, W. D. Avera, H. T. Gerard and others and known as the home place of the late Albert Stevens, which lands have been sub-divided into three tracts, more particularly described as follows:

Lot No. 1, beginning at a stake, Thad Stevens' corner, and runs N. 10. E. 9 chains to a stake, corner of Lot No. 2; thence N. 85. W. 32.64 chains to a stake in W. B. Godwin's line; thence S. 15. W. 3.30 chains to a stake, formerly a pine, Thad Stevens; thence S. 74. E. 32.96 chains to the beginning, containing twenty and one-tenth (20 1-10) acres, more or less.

Lot No. 2, beginning at a stake in the run of Mill Branch, H. T. Gerard's corner, and runs S. 85. E. 6 chains to a stake, W. B. Godwin's corner; thence S. 58. E. 10.70 chains to a stake, W. B. Godwin's corner; thence S. 15. W. 5.84 chains to a stake, corner of Lot No. 1; thence S. 85. E. 32.64 chains to a stake, corner of Lot No. 1; thence N. 10. E. 16.82 chains to a red oak, W. D. Avera's corner; thence N. 85. W. 47.76 chains to a stake in the run of Mill Branch; thence down the run of said branch about 6.30 chains to the beginning, containing sixty-six and three-fifths acres (66 3-5), more or less.

Lot No. 3, beginning at a stake in the run of Mill Branch, a corner of Lot No. 2, and runs S. 85. E. 29.36 chains to a pine stump, Will D. Avera's corner; thence N. 5. E. 17.50 chains to a stake, Gower's corner; thence about S. 87. W. 29 chains to a stake, H. T. Garrard's corner in the run of Mill Branch; thence down the run of said branch about 12.46 chains to the beginning, containing forty-three and seven-tenths (43.7) acres, more or less.

Terms of sale, one-half cash, balance in 12 months. This December 14th, 1916. E. J. WELLS, Commissioner.

WELLS & WELLS, Attorneys.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Executor on the estate of Thomas G. Allen, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 5th day of January, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 1st day of January, 1917. GEO. P. ADAMS, Executor. Four Oaks, Route No. 3.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGED LAND SALE.

By virtue of the authority contained in a mortgage deed made by Henderson and Annie Sanders to The Austin-Stephenson Co., and recorded in the Registry of Johnston County in Book "G" No. 13, page 245, the conditions of the said mortgage having been broken, the above named Mortgagee will offer for sale, at the Court House door, in the town of Smithfield, on Monday, January 15th, 1917, the following described real estate:

Being the undivided interests of Henderson and Annie Sanders in the lands of Wesley Bell, deceased, and described as follows: Beginning in the run of Poplar Branch and running South with A. J. Ellis' line 203 poles to a maple; thence to Booth Barber's corner, East 163 4-5 poles; thence North with Booth Barber's line 76 2-5 poles to Poplar Branch; thence along said branch to the beginning, containing 222 acres (excepting from the operation of this mortgage 18 1/2 acres sold to Allen Sanders, 44 1/2 acres sold to Wm. Holt, anti 85 acres sold to Moses Barfield), leaving in the tract 125 acres, more or less.

This sale is made to sell only the undivided interests of Henderson and Annie Sanders as above mentioned. Terms: Cash. Time: 12 o'clock. AUSTIN-STEPHENSON CO., Mortgagee.

LEON G. STEVENS, Attorney.

NOTICE OF SALE.

North Carolina, Johnston County, In the Superior Court, December Term, 1916. Gaston Pittman vs. J. T. Colyer and wife, Eula M. Colyer.

Under and by virtue of authority contained in a judgment of the Superior Court in the action entitled as above, the undersigned commissioner will offer for sale, for cash, to the highest bidder, on the premises, on Monday, January 15th, 1917, at or about 11:30 o'clock A. M., the following described property situate in Oneals township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a black gun on Isaac Branch and runs an agreed line of marked trees to the old cart path; thence as the crossing the branch to a red oak; thence S. 5. W. 9.2 poles to a stake, Jones' corner; thence as said line West 55 poles to a post oak (dead) and stake; thence as Jones' line South 94 poles to a stake, formerly a pine tree, S. 63. W. 38 poles to a blazed pine on Isaac's Branch as it meanders to the beginning, containing 42 acres, more or less. This December 14th, 1916.

E. J. WELLS, Commissioner.

WELLS & WELLS, Attorneys.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator C. T. A., on the estate of Silas Cogdell, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 5th day of January, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 1st day of January, 1917. GEO. F. WOODARD, Administrator, C. T. A. WELLS & WELLS, Attorneys.

HOME READING COURSE. (By G. T. W.)

Thirty Books of Great Fiction.

Now that the nights are long what can be more interesting than a good book to read by a cozy fire? In all ages the best and most complete expression of the ideals and tendencies of a people is found in the literature of that people. Mr. Claxton, who is the head of the Federal Bureau of Education, says that in the present time we are to look for this expression in the great works of fiction. No matter how much education one has, if he has not read some of the great works of fiction his education is not complete. Literature as nothing else can give one an outlet for his own ideals and thoughts, a better knowledge of human nature, and a mastery of his own language.

The thirty books below are standard books of modern fiction, prescribed by the United States Bureau of Education. How many have you read? Get one and read it now.

- 1. Adam Bede. George Eliot.
2. Arabian Nights.
3. A Modern Instance. William Dean Howells.
4. Clarissa Harlowe. Samuel Richardson.
5. David Copperfield. Charles Dickens.
6. Guy Mannering. Sir Walter Scott.
7. History of Henry Esmond. William M. Thackeray.
8. Ivanhoe. Sir Walter Scott.
9. Joseph Vance. William F. De Morgan.
10. Kidnapped. Robert Louis Stevenson.
11. Lorna Doone. R. D. Blackmore.
12. Luck of Roaring Camp. Bret Harte.
13. Ordeal of Richard Feverel. Geo. Meredith.
14. Pilgrim's Progress. John Bunyan.
15. Pride and Prejudice. Jane Austen.
16. Robinson Crusoe. Daniel Defoe.
17. Romola. George Eliot.
18. Tale of Two Cities. Charles Dickens.
19. The Cloister and the Hearth. Charles Reade.
20. Vanity Fair. William M. Thackeray.
21. Vicar of Wakefield. Oliver Goldsmith.
22. Last of the Mohicans. J. Fenimore Cooper.
23. Scarlet Letter. Nathaniel Hawthorne.
24. The Pilot. J. Fenimore Cooper.
25. Les Miserables. Victor Hugo.
26. The Three Musketeers. Alexander Dumas.
27. Pere Goriot. Honore de Balzac.
28. Anna Karenina. Count Leo Tolstoi.
29. With Fire and Sword. Henryk Sienkiewicz.
30. Treasure Island. Robert Louis Stevenson.

Reading for Girls.

Boys and girls go to school to learn to read among other things. Some are fortunate enough to go through high school, while others drop out before they reach high school. Even those who are fortunate enough to finish high school and even college are only taught how to do things. They do not get very much experience in reading and other things. It is after school days are over that we get time to enjoy the books which literature affords. We should by experience learn the good from the bad and not waste our precious time with the bad.

The list below is the reading course for girls recommended by the United States Bureau of Education. Girls, how many of these have you read? How many in the Smithfield Public Library? How many of them do you intend to read during this new year? The list of Dr. P. P. Claxton who is the head of the United States Bureau of Education follows:

- Alice in Wonderland.
Bird's Christmas Carol.
Little Women.
Pride and Prejudice.
The Jungle Book.
David Copperfield.
Lorna Doone.
Mill on the Floss.
Ivanhoe.
Evangeline.
Idylls of the King.
Merchant of Venice.
Romeo and Juliet.
Florence Nightingale.
The Story of My Life, by Helen Keller.
A Short History of the English People, by Greene.
Some Silent Teachers.
Shelter and Clothing.
Foods and Household Management.
The Furnishing of a Modest House.
Girl and Woman.
What Can Literature Do for Me?