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## SEVERE STORM AT ATLANTIC.

Miss Eunice Wellons Writes About Tornado Which Swept Over Place Where She is Teaching. Shut Out From Outside World From December 23 Until January 17. Sound Frozen Over.

Perhaps it will be of interest to some of the readers of The Herald to learn of the experience of a Johnston County girl, who is teaching in Atlantic.

Miss Eunice Wellons, Smithfield, R. 1, began teaching at Atlantic about November 1st. She decided not to come home for the holidays. No communication of any kind was received from her from December 23 till January 17. Her experience in the ice-bound, tornado-swept little town is described in some letters sent home:

"I guess you have seen in the papers that the towns along the shore from Beaufort to Ocracoke are frozen in. We are just as completely separated from the outside world as we would be on a deserted island. The sound is frozen across. It has been thick enough to walk on. It was 7 or 8 inches thick all the way across. This is the first time in 22 years that this has happened. I feel a little bit queer when I think about it and realize that it is impossible to get news from the outside world. I feel real bad when I think about all of you at home. This is a new experience to me, in fact it is new to every one down here."

"I started this letter several days ago. I was sure it would be only two or three days before we could get mail there, but I think it will be several days yet."

"It is now the 10th of January and this freeze has been on every since the 23rd of December. It seems an age to us. I only hope no one will starve because of this. Flour is getting pretty low just now. The ice has broken up right here at Atlantic, but towards Beaufort the boats can't get through the ice."

"Today is the 12th of January. The first mail of any description that we have had since December 23rd came today. We were all certainly glad to get connected with the outside world once more. Twenty days without any news from the outside world is a long time. We began school yesterday, 11th. Our intention was to get things alright for Monday."

In a letter dated the 15th she tells of the storm that visited Atlantic.

"Since writing my last letter and before I could get it off, we have had a terrible time down here. Last night, or this morning, rather, about 4:30 o'clock a tornado struck Atlantic. A good many houses were smashed flat. Everywhere it struck it tore things up pretty badly, and it took in nearly all of Atlantic. There are plenty of trees laying flat on the ground. I don't know yet that anyone is killed. Some are hurt."

"This house was loosened from the blocks and the porches are twisted around. My room-mate and I and every other one in the house expected nothing else but to be destroyed. This has been a terrible time. Not only are the houses down here wrecked, but the fishing boats. Every Sharpie in Core Sound was turned completely bottom upwards. They were not moved a yard from where they were anchored. A Sharpie is a fishing boat and as the people down here, nearly every one of them live by fishing and oystering their sole means of support is taken away. The people are facing starvation. There is no over-abundance of food where I am boarding."

"I have learned that one man was drowned when his boat capsized."

In describing the storm, she says: "I happened to be awake about four o'clock that morning. I had not slept very well that night. I had been listening to the wind for some time. It was nothing more than a good breeze, just like we have almost every day. It began raining soon. It was already thundering and lightning. I thought the rain was coming in through the window. You know I have always been afraid of lightning, but I never before saw any but the tamest kind of lightning. I can't begin to describe how it looked. Solid streaks of flame were chasing each other. It looked as if tongues of

## AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

Death of Joe Allen at Panama Canal Zone. Land in Banner Township Sells For \$250 Per Acre. Personal Items of Interest.

Benson, N. C., Jan. 24th.—Mr. R. G. Fitzgerald, of Whitsett, N. C., was here for a few days recently.

Mrs. J. C. Warren spent a few days at Creedmore recently.

Mr. J. D. Coats, of Camp Sevier, S. C., was home for a few days recently with his family.

Mrs. Sallie Stewart, of Wilson, spent a few days here last week at the home of her brother, Mr. W. F. Smith. Miss Polly Barbour, of Four Oaks, was a visitor to our city for a few days last week.

Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Lassiter returned yesterday from a visit to Cleveland township at the home of Mrs. Lassiter's parents.

Mr. Leonard Johnson, of Pleasant Grove, was a visitor to Benson last Monday on business matters.

Col. J. F. Lee and Mr. N. H. Lucas returned the first of the week from Camp Jackson where they visited their sons who are in the army at the Camp.

Miss Ida Wilkes arrived yesterday and has accepted a position with the Farmers Commercial Bank.

Mr. Carmal Jernigan left last night for Camp Sevier where he will spend a short while with his brother, Mr. Olen Jernigan, who is in the Camp.

Mr. W. H. Pace, of Raleigh, was a visitor to our city the first of the week on business.

Mr. George Byrd, of Jersey City, N. J., arrived this week and is spending some time with his father in Elevation township.

Mr. F. A. Fetter, of Raleigh, is in the city this week on business matters.

Messrs. David Allen, of Petersburg, and Willie Allen, of Richmond, are visiting their father, Mr. Seth Allen.

The concert which was to have been held at the Presbyterian Church December 17th, will be given next Monday night with the same program announced on the former occasion.

Land in Banner township sells at the top notch prices. Last week a man living five miles from Benson sold 40 acres for \$250.00 per acre. The high prices of cotton makes it easy to pay for a farm now.

Mr. Seth Allen received a telegram yesterday announcing the death of Joe Allen, at Panama Canal Zone, his death having been on January 10th. His body is being brought here for burial. He was married two years ago to Miss Addie Byrd and is survived by her. She is accompanying the remains home, via New York City.

## KILLED IN O'NEALS TOWNSHIP.

J. T. Davis Killed His Father-in-law, Jacob Boykin.

On Monday afternoon, January 21, about 4 o'clock, J. I. Davis, of O'Neals township, met his father-in-law, Jacob Boykin, in a path between their homes and shot him so he died next morning about eight o'clock. Mr. Davis is about forty years old and Mr. Boykin was past seventy years. There had been bad feeling between them for three or four years. No one was present except the two men. Mr. Davis states that a day or two before the killing he received a threatening letter from Mr. Boykin and that when they met in the path Mr. Boykin quarreled with him and assaulted him. He shot twice but hit Mr. Boykin only once the ball from the pistol taking effect in the left side just below the heart. Mr. Davis gave himself up to the local authorities and was brought here by Mr. M. C. Hinton Wednesday and placed in jail. Mr. Boykin was buried Tuesday afternoon.

flame would envelope the house, die out and come again. Well, I finally summoned courage to close the window. Then I went back to bed. I hadn't even got the cover well over me before, without any warning, without even a perceptible rise in the wind, the cyclone was on us. The bed was rocking like a cradle. I waked my room-mate and we got down stairs some how. In the confusion and excitement what sense I had did not desert me. I thought of you all and how you would feel when you heard of it, for I surely expected we all would be killed."

MRS. D. J. WELLONS.

## WAR SAVINGS STAMPS MEETING

Executive Committee To Hold Session In Court House in Smithfield Saturday, February 2nd, at 11 O'clock. Every Member Urged to Attend.

Dear Mr. Editor:

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Committee of War Savings for Johnston County, which list I will thank you to publish together with this letter.

As chairman I have done very little towards organizing the County. The extreme bad weather so far has been the principal reason for this. Other counties have done more towards organizing than Johnston. Some sixty counties have almost completed their organization and are ready to begin an active campaign. I have called a meeting of the Executive Committee for Saturday, the second of February, at eleven o'clock in the Court House at Smithfield, N.C. At that time we hope to have a full attendance, and get down to the work in dead earnest.

In the plan for selling these War Savings Stamps, Johnston County's allotment is \$910,822.00. This amount at first looks out of reason, but when we stop long enough to think of the size of the county, and the number of people (about 50,000) and the vast resources of the county we will readily see that we can easily lend our Government this amount by buying these Stamps, and not retard or cramp the business. To raise this \$910,822.00 means that we have got to buy Stamps to the amount of about \$19.00 for each person in the county, so it will be readily seen that the people with large means will have to invest liberally to make up for the ones who cannot invest as much as \$19.00. Lending our Government this money by buying these Stamps is a perfectly safe investment, as the United States credit is behind the whole scheme. We will not go into the details of the plan, which is more or less known to the public, as the newspapers of the county have already published the plan in detail.

I am sure of the support of your paper, in advertising these War-Savings Stamps, as our newspapers are nearly all very loyal and patriotic. We understand that less than 2 per cent of the newspapers in the United States are slackers. This is a good example of patriotism, and one that the general public will do well to take as their standard.

We are asked to have these Stamps on sale at one hundred and sixty places in the County. As your County chairman I cannot come in contact with everyone, and ask every one who is willing to sell them. So we ask that any person or business firm in the County that is willing to help in this campaign to write me for blanks to fill out and return to Government at Washington, D. C., for the appointment. We want all the Banks, all the Cotton Mills, Lumber Mills, and every store in the County to sell the Stamps. As chairman I am willing and expect to give lots of my time to this patriotic work, but I cannot do it all, and if we do not get the support of the entire County, we will fall far short of our allotment. This would be very humiliating, not only to me as chairman, but to every one in the County with loyalty and pride. So let us all get behind this movement, and when next January shall roll around, we shall feel proud that we have done what we were called upon to do for our nation in this matter.

T. S. RAGSDALE,  
Chairman Johnston County  
War Savings Committee.  
Smithfield, January 22, 1918.

Executive Committee—H. B. Marrow, L. T. Royall, A. M. Johnson, Mrs. F. H. Brooks, Jno. Talton, M. C. Winston, W. C. Lassiter, Vick Turley, Q. B. Hocutt, J. J. Rose, Preston Woodall, Miss May Belle Cobb, Mrs. J. H. Kirby, M. B. Andrews, Mrs. E. A. Hocutt, R. N. Aycock, E. T. Westbrook, Lisbon Lee, J. Shep Johnson, R. A. Pope, E. H. Moser, C. L. Cates, T. T. Lanier, Mrs. F. G. Lucas, J. B. Bridges, R. P. Merritt, T. J. Lassiter, W. C. Harper, and A. M. Noble.

The shortest editorial bow on record is that of James A. Robinson, known as "Old Hurraygraph," who in assuming editorial charge of the Durham Sun, made his announcement in one word—"Howdy."

Herbert Kaufman says that history is made in a jiffy and written at leisure.

## THE WEEK'S NEWS IN CLAYTON.

People Moving to Town from Rural Districts. Snow and Sleet Held up School Tuesday. Many Personal Items of Interest.

Clayton, January 23.—Mrs. Walter Barham, of Selma, is here visiting parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boone. Miss Cleo Ellis, of Meredith College, spent the past week-end here with home people.

Mr. A. V. Gulley, of Smithfield, was here one day this week on business.

Mr. Donnie Stancil, of near Kenly, spent Sunday here with friends.

Mr. Frank Carter, of Apex, spent one day this week with his brother.

Mrs. Will R. Smith and children, of Selma, are spending this week here with Mrs. J. D. Gulley.

Mrs. and Mrs. Larkin Wilder have moved from Shotwell here where they will make their future home. They are occupying the house recently vacated by Mr. C. L. Cates.

We welcome to our town Mr. C. M. Austin and family. They moved here from the Baptist Center section and are occupying the Jones house on Shairing Street. We wish them much success and happiness.

Owing to the sleet and snow yesterday there was no school here. We hope the weather will soon be better and school can continue.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Smith, who, for the past several years, have made their home in Bethesda section just a few miles from town, have purchased the Jenkins home here on Fayetteville Street, and will make their home here in the future. We welcome them and hope they will enjoy being among us.

Regular services were held at both churches last Sunday in spite of the snowy weather. The attendance was not so large but all those who attended heard good sermons.

Mrs. Bennett Nooe and little Mary Carter Nooe returned a few days ago from Pittsboro where they have been for some time visiting Mrs. Nooe's relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Zack Stephenson left last Saturday for Buena Vista, Va., where they will make their future home. He goes there to enter the drug business with his son who has been there for several years. We regret very much to lose Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson from our community, but we hope for them much success and happiness.

Mr. J. L. Hall from Benson visited his brother, Mr. D. M. Hall, this week.

Mrs. Bettie Hastings Moore Dead.

At 6:30 o'clock on Saturday evening, January 19th, Mrs. Bettie Hastings Moore, died suddenly at her home in Greenville, S. C. She was sitting before the fire, and rising from her seat fell and died in a few minutes. She had been in feeble health for the past few years. The burial took place at Greenville, S. C.

She was a daughter of the late Maj. William H. Hastings who, after the Civil War, lived on the farm near the Smithfield Cotton Mills, now owned by Dr. N. T. Holland. Her father at that time was in the mercantile business in Smithfield where the post office and Herald office building now stands.

On December 19, 1867, she was married to Mr. Ed. S. Moore. They lived in Johnston County until a few years ago when they moved to Greenville, S. C. They moved from their farm which is now known as the Raper place a few miles North of Selma. They have taken The Herald since leaving this county and have kept up with the progress of Johnston. Mrs. Moore has all along taken much interest in the news from her old native county. She leaves her husband and four daughters, Mrs. E. L. Hughes, Mrs. John Hicks, Mrs. Frank Coleman, of Greenville, and Mrs. G. E. Edwards, of Charleston, S. C. Her sons are Messrs. Edwin H. Moore and Percy Moore, of Birmingham, Ala., and Thomas Moore, of Greenville, S. C. Her husband is a brother of Mrs. R. J. Noble, of Selma.

Pou-Roberts.

The following announcement has been received here:

Maj. and Mrs. Arthur Carr Roberts announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Carr to Ensign Edwin Smith Pou, Naval Reserve Flying Corps, on Wednesday, January the second, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, Norfolk, Va.

## STORE IS ROBBED IN SELMA.

A. L. Wilcox Knocked Down by Train Receiving Injuries Which Resulted in Death. W. L. Stancil Appointed Explosives Licensing Agent. Selma Obeys Fuel Order.

Selma, Jan. 24th.—The Fuel Administration's order closing up business houses was generally observed here Monday. Only the drug stores and a few grocery stores were open. Lieut. I. W. Mayerburg, of Augusta, Ga., is in the city this week spending a few days with his family.

Mr. W. L. Stancil has been appointed Explosives Licensing Agent by the Bureau of Mines for Selma and vicinity. All people selling or using explosives of any kind except gun shells will do well to see Mr. Stancil promptly and secure license. Dynamite, dynamite caps or fuses, blasting materials, detonators, gun powder, in fact all classes of high explosives come under this law, and each and every person keeping for sale or using these explosives are required to secure government license.

The store of the Selma Clothing & Shoe Co. was broken into last night and several suits of clothes, shoes, and two suit cases were taken therefrom. During the last year there has been a lot of this kind of burglary carried on in Selma and it looks like it is about time for some effective measures to be taken to stop it. We understand that there were two night policemen on duty last night, and we are at a loss to understand how a store could be broken into with two men on duty, whose particular business it was to look after the business part of town.

Mr. A. L. Wilcox, who in the employ of H. Mahler Sons at Raleigh, was knocked down and injured by an engine at the Union Station here last Saturday. Mr. Wilcox came in on the short train from Rocky Mount, and was making his way across the tracks to the Southern train for Raleigh when he was hit by the engine on the side track. He was immediately taken to the hospital at Rocky Mount where he died from his injuries Tuesday night. He never regained consciousness, concussion of the brain producing death. The body, accompanied by his wife, was taken to Durham where the funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning.

Mr. Brockwell, of the State Insurance Department was in the city yesterday on invitation of Fire Chief, E. V. Deans, to straighten out some matters relative to the fire district. The City Fathers have established the Municipal Woodyard in the fire district and built wooden structures in the woodyard, which according to Mr. Brockwell is in violation of the state law. Other firms in town have also violated the law according to his construction by building frame shelters and stables within the fire district.

Along with the balance of the country, Selma has again been in the grip of snow and ice for the last week. Although the weather has not been as cold as it formerly was this winter. The scarcity of coal has caused quite a bit of inconvenience during this weather. The coldest weather in the memory of our oldest inhabitants has prevailed here since early in December.

We regret to note the illness of Miss Ruby Griffin who has been clerk for Local Board No. 2, and all her many friends will be glad to learn that she is improving.

## Wood High in Smithfield.

Compared with some other North Carolina towns wood is pretty high in Smithfield. The price a few weeks ago ranged from four dollars for a so-called cord of pine wood to six to eight dollars for hard wood. The following paragraph from The Statesville Landmark gives an idea of how wood is selling in Statesville, a much larger place than Smithfield:

"The County Fuel Administration has advanced the price of wood in Statesville from \$3.50 to \$4 per cord for wood in four and eight foot lengths."

"This advance was made because of continued severe weather. The price first made was believed then and is believed now to have been just and fair. But it is realized that it is worth more to cut and haul wood—or to haul even where it is ready cut—during such weather as has prevailed than is would be under normal conditions, on which the first price was based; hence the increase."

## GETTING READY FOR THE CALL.

The Exemption Board at Smithfield Has Completed Its Work of Classification and Is Ready to Begin the Physical Examination of Men in This District. First Men to Appear Next Monday.

Local Exemption Board No. 1, Chas. M. Wilson, Chairman, J. W. Sanders, Secretary, and Dr. L. D. Wharton, Medical Examiner, has completed its work of classification of the registrants in its district and is ready to begin the physical examination of the men in Class I.

These men will be called before the Board as rapidly as the examinations can be completed, beginning with the Order No. 1, and continuing until the last Order Number has been reached.

Calls have been sent out for the first 25 to make their appearance before the Board next Monday, January 28. They are asked to appear at ten o'clock in the offices of the Exemption Board, upstairs over The Smithfield Herald office.

The second lot of men are asked to appear Wednesday, January 30. There will be 30 in this call, while the third bunch of 30 are asked to appear Friday, February 1st.

The work of classification and exemption having been completed, there will be but little delay now until the last man has been examined and certified for service when the nation is ready for him. There will be no further exemptions except for the physically unfit, unless made on industrial grounds.

## WARNING AGAINST HOARDING.

Consumers Who Go from Store to Store and Buy More Than Law Allows In Danger of Fine and Imprisonment.

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—"Marse Henry" will get you if you don't watch out! In effect this is the warning that is being passed out by merchants to greedy consumers who have suggested when they could not purchase more than five pounds of sugar that they could get an equal amount at other stores.

Merchants at a number of North Carolina points have called to the attention of the Food Administration the danger of consumers going from store to store and purchasing the maximum amount of sugar at each store and many have suggested that a card system be put into effect. The reply of the Food Administration to this suggestion is:

"The Food Administration does not believe that any system of rationing is necessary for the American people. Patriotic and unselfish people will follow the suggestions of the Food Administration with regard to food-stuffs. The greedy and selfish ones will be made to not only by exercise of the authority vested in the Food Administration but by the force of public opinion. A consumer who purchases the maximum amount of sugar at more than one store at the same time would be guilty of hoarding and would be subject to a fine of \$5,000 or two years imprisonment or both."

In cases of wilful hoarding the Food Administration officials do not hesitate to say that they will secure indictments and prosecute.

## Flour at \$12.50 Per Barrel

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—Merchants in North Carolina who can show that they have not a reasonable profit in sugar at 10c a pound or flour at \$12.50 a barrel, the maximum prices fixed by the Food Administration, can secure exemptions to the ruling fixing these prices by applying to their County Food Administrator and showing him the figures.

All County Food Administrators have been instructed to investigate complaints and grant such exemptions to the extent of allowing such merchants their normal profit up to 1c a pound on sugar and \$1 a barrel on flour. These margins are for all manner and sizes of packages of both commodities.

The administration in this matter, as in others, has shown its earnest desire to co-operate with and benefit the merchant as well as the consumer and producer.

"Does your husband ever refer to your honeymoon?"

"Yes, he often wishes he had the money he spent during it."—Judge.