

MR. BRYAN HEARD HERE YESTERDAY

AMERICA'S DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AT SMITHFIELD

Mr. Bryan Delivered His Famous Lecture, "The Making of Man" to a Large Audience at the Banner Warehouse. Was Brought to Smithfield Through the Efforts of Supt. Marrow of Turlington Graded School.

Through the efforts of Supt. H. B. Marrow, of Turlington Graded School, the people of Smithfield and Johnston County had the privilege and pleasure of hearing Hon. William Jennings Bryan at the Banner Warehouse yesterday.

Seated on the platform with Mr. Bryan were Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, of Norfolk, Supt. Marrow, Judge F. H. Brooks and Mr. W. M. Sanders. Judge Brooks presided and asked that the audience stand while Dr. Blackwell led in prayer. Judge Brooks then eloquently presented Mr. Bryan as "Citizen of America."

The first half hour of Mr. Bryan's address was devoted to the great war and the necessity of standing by the President in the prosecution of the war. He said that before war was declared we might have our opinions about it, but now it was the patriotic duty of every citizen to join shoulder to shoulder with the administration to carry the war to a finish. He urged that the people buy Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps and show to the boys who had given their all upon the altar of their country that we were standing by them to every man, woman and child.

Following this introduction Mr. Bryan delivered his famous lecture, "The Making of Man." We are all striving to better conditions in farming, stock-raising, government and in everything—doing all this for man. Then if a man is so important it is exceedingly important that some attention be paid to his making. His ancestry and heredity he has nothing to do with, but he is after all, largely the architect of his own fortune. It is very important to take care of his body and his mind, but the most important of all is his moral and spiritual nature. He may have a strong body and a highly developed mind, but if the moral side is undeveloped he is after all a failure in the highest sense. Religion is man's relation to God. The first thing is to believe in God, then the Bible—as the word of God, and Jesus Christ as the Savior of men.

No synopsis can give an idea of the greatness of the address. Only those who heard it and saw the man behind it could really appreciate the lecture in its fulness. It was a temperance address of the highest order, a plea for education, and a great tribute to the Bible as the Book of God.

A large crowd heard Mr. Bryan, the people coming from all the towns of the County, and a large number from the country.

New Ruling on Sugar.

Raleigh, April.—The retail merchants of North Carolina have recently been taking too large a margin on sugar, in the opinion of the Food Administration, which has issued a new ruling, effective at once, governing the sale of sugar.

Under the new ruling, no dealers will be allowed to charge a margin of more than one cent a pound on sugar in original packages. On sugar that has to be reweighed and repacked, a margin up to 1-2 cents a pound is allowed. Under no circumstances must the maximum price exceed 9c without the specific permission of duly authorized Food Administration officials.

THE NEWS IN SELMA.

Selma, N. C., April 24.—Mr. W. D. Anderson, a former resident of Selma, was in town from his home in Eagle Rock Monday on business.

Attorney J. R. Williams and Mr. D. B. Brannan, of Clayton, were here Monday for a few hours on business. Mr. R. E. Richardson, of Wendell, spent a few days here the first of the week with friends.

Messrs. Jesse C. Ellis and C. H. Killeet, of Clayton, were here for a few hours Monday.

Messrs. J. A. A. L. and W. H. Batton, and G. W. Murphy, of Wilders township were in town Wednesday for a few hours.

Messrs. C. W. and H. P. Barnes, of the Archer Section, were here Saturday on business.

Miss Sallie Upchurch returned Saturday from Rex Hospital, where she had been for the past few weeks for treatment.

Quite a number of our people will go to Smithfield tomorrow to hear the address by Hon. William Jennings Bryan.

Messrs. F. B. Whitley and Roger Strickland spent Sunday in Wilders township with friends.

Lieut. L. L. Shamburger, of Camp Sevier, is in town for a few days visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. R. J. Noble left April 15th for San Antonio, Texas, to visit her son, Lieut. Robert P. Noble, who has charge of the X Ray department of the U. S. Hospital at the Kelly Fields.

Messrs. G. W. Evans and Hector McNeil motored to Raleigh Wednesday night to see the Bird of Paradise at the Academy of Music.

Mrs. Mary E. and Miss Mamie Richardson left Wednesday for a months visit to relatives in Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. J. L. Cockerham, of Washington, D. C., is in town for a few days. Mr. Cockerham is in the employment of the government.

Mr. Sheldon Austin left Wednesday afternoon for his home in Durham after spending a few days with relatives here.

Mr. W. D. Debnam, of Kinston, spent the week-end here with his father, Mr. L. D. Debnam.

Messrs. N. E. Ward and J. A. Jones spent Tuesday in the Capital City on business.

We regret to note that Postmaster W. H. Etheredge continues ill at his home on Anderson street.

Mr. D. W. Hamilton will leave Tuesday for Fremont, where he will remain for some time looking after his farming interest there.

Mr. A. K. Eason has accepted a position with the Woodward Drug Company, where he will be glad to have his friends call on him.

Supt. E. H. Moser will go to Shiloh tonight (Wednesday) where he will deliver an address on War Savings Stamps and Liberty Bonds.

Local railroad men report that eighteen train loads of soldiers passed through Selma last Monday going north. They were probably enroute for an embarkation point. The trains carried about 1,000 men each.

U. S. A. locomotives are being used on this division of the Southern Railway for the past few weeks to pull the heavy freight trains. The letters U. S. A. are printed on the side of the huge engines. These are engines that were made for the Russian government before it sold out to the Germans, and now are being used to pull the heavy freight trains between Spencer and Selma.

Quite a number of our people are in Smithfield this week, attending the Superior Court which is in session there.

Mr. J. D. Massey is in Washington this week on business matters.

Mr. H. A. Hood, of Camp Jackson, is home for a few days to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hood. Union Revival Services for all the churches in Selma will begin here the first Sunday in May. Committees from the different churches will meet tonight at the Baptist church to make the final arrangements.

The remains of Miss Annie Stancill arrived in Selma Friday night from Richmond, Va., and were interred in the family burial ground near Selma Sunday morning. Miss Stancill has been in a Richmond hospital for treatment for some time, and while out walking with a nurse last Thursday evening fell from a bridge, the fall resulting in immediate death. She was the daughter of Mrs. Eliza Stancill, and besides her mother, has

SOME REASONS WHY JOHNSTON COUNTY SHOULD VOTE THE SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX

1. Teachers cannot live on the present salary. Wages in every other line of industry have gone up to meet, in some measure, the high cost of living. The teacher's salary has remained practically what it was years ago. An adjustment must be made.

2. More is expected of the schools than ever before. Therefore, the schools must have better prepared teachers. It is going to cost more money to get them.

3. The rural districts need better schools. If better prepared teachers with a vision of community uplift went into the rural schools to stay, the country schools would soon be on a level with the best town schools and the exodus from the country to the town on account of school facilities would cease. The country would then develop as it should.

4. The good teachers would seek the country schools and stay there, if they were better paid.

5. Every rural district in the county would get more money back than it paid in on account of the special tax, because the railroad and corporation taxes would be proportionately distributed.

6. The county is able to pay the teachers better salaries. The thinking people know that more money is absolutely necessary to run schools.

7. Girls who work in the mills and clerk in stores get more money than teachers who have spent years in preparing for this important service.

8. On the schools hang the future of our country. The children now growing up must get their impressions from the schools. Our democracy depends upon the schools. Every public school in America is training for self-government and the perpetuation of American Ideals. The safety of our nation depends on how well that task is done. Figure it any way you please, the school teacher is the

safe guard of our American institutions. The reason for any failure in this fundamental task is in the financial starvation of our schools.

9. This war is teaching us that a democracy to live and to be secure must depend upon an Educated Citizenship.

10. Teacher scarcity is becoming a national peril. We have been asleep so long on this proposition that schools and colleges are saying to their graduates "Anything but teach." The situation is alarming. School teachers are literally flocking to fields where they can find a living. Closing the schools or lowering the standard of teaching is a blow at democracy, because either gives aid and comfort to ignorance and incompetence.

11. We must keep our schools going. No preparedness is more important than better schools. But it is folly to longer work for less than a living. The joys of successful teaching won't pay the grocer, the merchant, and the tailor.

12. May I ask one question? What is an ordinary school teacher worth anyway to our kind of democracy? Answer that question honestly and you'll be for an increase in salary.

13. Are we able to pay teachers better salaries? With 30c cotton, 35c tobacco, \$2.50 wheat, \$2.00 corn and 35c eggs, \$1.00 hens, with everything we have to sell bringing fabulous prices, with prosperity hitting us almost harder blows than we can stand, I fancy our people in Johnston County are going to be too liberal hearted and too unselfish to refuse better pay for the school teachers of the county.

14. I am for more efficient rural schools. So are you. Well this is the first step in that direction, because it will attract more efficient teachers into the work of Rural education and uplift.

E. H. MOSER.

Use Corn Flour.

Washington, April 25.—Americans are now in a position to observe total abstinence from wheat flour and depend wholly upon corn, according to the most recent estimate of the actual milling output of cornmeal.

The nation's normal consumption of wheat flour is 8,000,000 barrels per month. According to the latest estimate the maximum capacity for milling corn meal of all the mills in the United States running 24 hours per day and 30 days per month exceeds 9,000,000 barrels per month. As many of the smaller mills are run but 10 to 12 hours per day, however, the estimated actual production of corn meal is placed not to exceed 6,000,000 barrels for the month of March. This estimate exceeds the estimate of 1917 by approximately 100 per cent, showing the large increase in corn milling machinery since that time, and the present prospect is that the output will increase with each succeeding month.

The estimated monthly production of corn flour for October, 1917, was 250,000 barrels, while the estimated maximum milling capacity for corn flour for March is placed at 540,000 barrels. It is believed that during the past 18 months the milling capacity for corn flour has been increased 500 per cent.

The United States Food Administration announces that it is now ready to care for all corn meal demands in any part of the United States. If the American people would give up wheat flour ENTIRELY there would be an abundance of corn meal, with what corn flour there is available, to care for all our needs until after the next harvest.

French Ships Torpedoed in Spanish Waters.

Washington, April 23.—News of the torpedoing in Spanish territorial waters of the French steamer Provence was contained in diplomatic dispatches today from France. The vessel entered the port of Polonias, Catalonia, badly damaged. The Spanish press the dispatch said is incensed over the incident.

The people are getting more and more interested day by day in Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

Benson, N. C., April 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hill spent several days recently near Mount Olive visiting relatives.

Mrs. Edgar Johnson recently returned to her home in Oxford after spending some time here with relatives.

Mr. R. C. Wells, agent of the Coast Line here, has moved his family here from Spring Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hockaday and children went to Franklinton Saturday and spent a day or two with relatives.

Messrs. J. F. Lee and A. W. Hodges went to Fayetteville Tuesday on business matters.

Mrs. Cox, of Sanford, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Fonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Weeks have moved from Dunn here. Mr. Weeks has a position with the Peacock Drug Store.

Mr. J. F. P. Stewart died Tuesday at his home in Coats and was buried yesterday afternoon. Mr. Stewart formerly lived in our town and was an esteemed citizen.

Miss Daisy Bryant returned the first of the week from a few days visit to relatives in Wilson.

Messrs. J. E. Wilson, J. Will Moore, B. D. Creech, N. T. Ryals and several other Bensons attended Court yesterday in Smithfield.

Dr. W. T. Martin and W. H. Royall left this morning for Raleigh on business matters.

Mrs. Walter Strickland will leave today for a few days visit to her husband at Columbia, S. C.

Mrs. H. L. Graves is spending a few days here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Almon Parker.

Mr. L. D. Debnam, of Selma, was in the city yesterday on business matters.

Mr. Willie Moore, son of our townsman, Mr. E. F. Moore, who has been in Smithfield for the past several months, was here yesterday.

Mr. J. A. Stewart, of Coats, was here Tuesday on business matters.

Mrs. R. K. Olive, of Fuquay Springs, was here Tuesday on her way to visit friends in Elevation township.

Deputy Marshal George F. Moore went up to Spring Hope Tuesday where he made a raid on wine sellers.

Mr. W. H. Massengill is spending several days in Sampson County on business.

Mr. J. C. Stancil, of Smithfield, was here Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Julia Canaday left the first of the week for a visit to friends in Aulander, N. C.

Miss Ennis, of Buies Creek, has been here for several days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Williams.

Mr. John Holmes, of Farmville, was here Sunday for a short while. He had been to attend the funeral of Mr. Randal Overby, of Angier.

The small child of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith had the misfortune to fall from a chair this week and break its arm. However at this time it is getting on nicely.

Miss Estella Lassiter, of Elevation, was here a few days recently at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Massengill.

Mrs. R. T. Surles and daughter, Miss Gertrude Surles, are visiting at Fuquay Springs this week.

Quite a large crowd of Bensons will go to Smithfield this afternoon to hear Hon. W. J. Bryan speak.

Mrs. W. H. Massengill left Tuesday for a few days visit to relatives at Four Oaks.

Mrs. C. A. Fisher and children and Miss Ruth Benton, of Mathews, spent a few days here recently with friends.

Miss Meta Harper, of Dunn, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Woodall recently.

Owing to school commencement next week the Red Cross rooms will not be open Tuesday.

Rev. A. T. Lassiter is attending the Fayetteville Presbytery at Lumberton this week.

Dr. W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest College, will deliver the annual address of commencement here next Tuesday morning at the school auditorium.

Oak Grove Wins.

Oak Grove played a game of Basketball against Pomona at Smithfield on April 13. The score stood 17 to 5 in favor of Oak Grove.

BRUGES CANAL BLOCKED.

Five Old Boats Loaded With Concrete Sunk.

BIG NAVAL RAID ON OSTEND

Sir Eric Geddes Calls It "Extremely Gallant and Hazardous Raid."

London, April 23.—Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, in supplementing the admiralty report on last night's raid against Zeebrugge and Ostend, said in giving the house of commons such information as had come to hand of "this extremely gallant and hazardous raid."

"I ask the members to appreciate that most of the officers and men from whom we have got to get the information have been fighting the greater part of the night and that some of them are not yet in."

"The raid was undertaken under command of Vice Admiral Roger Keyes, commanding at Dover. French destroyers co-operated with the British forces. Six obsolete cruisers, all from 20 to 30 years old, took part in the attack.

"A force of monitors, together with a large number of very small motor boats took part in the operation, which was particularly intricate and had to be worked to a time table, and involved delicate navigation on a hostile coast, without lights and largely under unknown navigational conditions developed since the war, with the added danger of mine fields.

"I should like to mention that the officer who developed the operation was killed."

POSTMASTER AT SMITHFIELD TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION.

Ill Health Given as Reason. Successor To Be Appointed at Early Date.

(S. R. Winters, in News and Observer)

Washington, April 23.—Alf M. Sanders, who has been postmaster at Smithfield, N. C., since January 12, 1914, has resigned. His resignation is effective at once or as soon as his successor qualified through the office of the Civil Service Commission. Ill health is given as the reason for the resignation of the incumbent.

The Smithfield office—the home of Representative E. W. Pou—is one of the important postoffices in the Fourth Congressional District. It ranks as third class, and the salary of the postmaster is \$1,800. He is allowed \$600 for clerk hire, and the commission of three cents on all money orders written will probably amount to \$150 a year. Thus the office is capable of drafting upon the government for \$2,550.

The successor to Mr. Sanders will be named at an early date through an examination held by the United States Civil Service Commission. Both men and women are eligible to enter the contest, with the age limit ranging from 21 to 65 years.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN COURT.

Hindu Kills Fellow Defendant and He in Turn is Killed By U. S. Marshal.

San Francisco, April 23.—A sensational climax to the prolonged trial of 32 persons charged with conspiracy to foment revolution in India was furnished today when Ram Chandra, a Hindu publicist and revolutionist, was shot to death in federal district court by Ram Singh, a former employee and fellow defendant. While Singh still pressed the trigger of his automatic pistol, he too, was shot and killed by United States Marshal James B. Holohan, who fired across the room over the heads of attorneys.

The trial started November 20, and the case went to the jury tonight.

Registration In Smithfield Township.

The registration in Smithfield township for the county-wide school tax to be voted on Tuesday, April 30th was only 395. This is hardly half of the voters who were entitled to register. The provisions of the law providing for this election are such that if any township has a majority for the tax that township will have the tax without the aid of any other township. But if a majority of the newly registered voters of the county cast their ballots for the tax the whole county will have it even though several townships should by vote reject it.