

The Smithfield Herald

VOLUME 38.

THE SMITHFIELD HERALD

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1919

Number 29.

MR. HENRY FITZGERALD DIED MONDAY IN MICRO.

Confederate Veteran and Honored Citizen of Community—Leaves a Large Family of Children and Other Relatives—Funeral Held Tuesday.

Last Monday, at his home in Micro, death claimed one of the oldest and most honored citizens of that community when Mr. Henry Fitzgerald was called to his reward.

Mr. Fitzgerald was 74 years of age, a veteran of the Civil War, and was loved and honored by all who knew him. He was first married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Holland in his early manhood, and to this union five children were born, as follows: Mrs. Emma Owens, Messrs. J. Walter, Charles A., Dr. Paul and Miss Florence Fitzgerald. After the death of his first wife he was married to Miss Cora Hinant, who, with five children, Mrs. Stella Price, Miss Carrie, Messrs. Henry, Frank and Clark Fitzgerald, survive him.

The funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at Zion church by Rev. J. G. Johnson, of Princeton, and interment was made in the family burying ground near Mr. T. E. Wellons.—Selma Johnstonian, 10th.

GENERAL NEWS.

Approximately 120 ships are now engaged in returning American troops from overseas and additional vessels are being fitted out for this service with a view to increasing the homeward movement to 300,000 or more men a month. It is said that at this rate the last of the expeditionary forces might be out of Europe by late summer, but that this would depend largely upon the developments at the peace conference. Of the ships in transport service, more than 100 are vessels commandeered or built during the war, former German liners, some few foreign ships held under charter and battleships and cruisers. All of these craft are manned by American naval crews.

General Pershing's headquarters band, composed of 150 picked musicians from the American expeditionary force, will tour the principal cities of the eastern States as a feature of the publicity campaign for the Victory Liberty Loan drive. The band is expected to reach the United States about April 15.

The airplane of the Shortt brothers, one of the entries for the \$10,000 race across the Atlantic, will start from Ireland for Newfoundland on April 16, weather permitting, it is announced. The airplane is expected to make the journey in 20 hours.

The largest crop of winter wheat ever grown was forecast for this year by the Department of Agriculture Tuesday, basing its estimate on conditions existing April 1. The enormous yield of 837,000,000 bushels was announced, which at the government's guaranteed price of \$2.26 a bushel, places the crop's value at \$1,891,620,000. This year's winter wheat crop, if no unfavorable conditions develop between now and time for harvest, will be 152,000,000 bushels larger than the previous record crop produced in 1914 and 248,000,000 bushels more than was grown last year.

George Eastman, president of the Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, N. Y., has made a gift of 10,000 of the company's common shares, to older employees, amounting to \$6,000,000 at the present market value. The stock is to be sold to employees at the par value of \$100 per share, the proceeds amounting to \$1,000,000, to go to an employees' welfare fund.

At the annual convention of the council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Memphis, Tenn., Miss Belle H. Bennett, L.L.D., president of the Woman's Missionary Council, reported that more than \$70,000 was expended by the council in home and foreign missions during 1918, and she also told the council that an increase of 15 per cent in finances would be necessary for the coming year.

The United States employment service has placed 4,602 demobilized soldiers and sailors in employment in Virginia since January 1, according to reports received from its branch office bureaus for returning soldiers and sailors and Federal labor boards.

YOUNG LAWYER

LOCATES AT SELMA.

The paragraph from the Washington correspondence in Wednesday's News and Observer, is of interest:

"O. N. Lovelace, a lawyer, of Selma, Johnston county, was in Washington today on legal business connected with the War Department. Mr. Lovelace, who is a native of Cleveland county, has located in Selma for the practice of his profession since being honorably discharged from the navy some weeks ago. He took an academic course and studied law at the University of North Carolina and has many friends throughout the State."

PRINCETON AND BOON HILL.

Princeton, N. C., April 9.—Mr. Harry Watson is the happiest man in Boon Hill township—it is a fine boy. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

Mr. Logan Hastings from the U. S. S. Maine is at home on a short leave of absence, his vessel having just returned to Norfolk from Guantanamo. Logan is one of the 22 members of the band on this vessel.

Mr. John R. Woodard and family spent the day Sunday with Mr. Alf Wall and family, in Smithfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Godwin, from near Kenly, have moved to town and will occupy the home formerly occupied by Mr. Isaac Smith.

Mr. Council Pennington had the misfortune to have his home burned with all the household goods, and the clothing of the family. Mr. Pennington's daughter was the only one at the house when the fire was discovered. She gave the alarm and the neighbors came, but the fire burned so rapidly nothing could be saved. Mr. Pennington was in the field some distance from the house, but he could see that the fire started around the stove flue on the kitchen. It was burned last Thursday evening. It was a large house with no insurance.

Miss Rosa Holt, from Smithfield, is spending the week with Miss Gladys Gurley.

Mrs. Minnie B. Strachn has returned home after spending several days with her daughter in Clayton.

Mr. W. H. Massey, of Raleigh, is a visitor in town this week.

Rev. J. G. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson are spending a day or two with relatives in Raleigh this week.

Miss Beatrice Gardner with three other mighty pretty young girls were visitors in town a short while Saturday evening. We regret, too, that we could not learn their names.

Miss Sue Powell, a pretty young school "marm," from one of our rural schools, was a visitor here Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Perry died here at her home Sunday night. She was partially paralyzed several weeks ago, from which condition she had not improved, and for the past ten days she had been in a semi-conscious condition, sleeping most of the time. She had been a member of the Methodist church for many years, from which church the burial services were conducted Monday evening, to the grave in the family burying ground near town.

Mrs. Estelle Newsome, from Cape Henry, Va.; Mrs. Minnie Duke, from Raleigh; Mrs. Ellen Hines and Mrs. E. A. Arment, from Goldsboro; Mrs. Cyrus Joyner, from Selma; Messrs. Rose and Bob Hooks and wife, from Goldsboro; Mrs. Bob Caldwell, from Wayne County; Mr. Morgan Sugg, from Raleigh; Mr. Billie Grantham and family from Wayne, were among those present at the burial services from a distance.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy on Friday and left them a fine little boy baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Darden and Mrs. Anderson from Wilson, N. C., were visitors here attending the burial services of Mrs. J. W. Perry.

NOTES FROM GLADYS.

We gladly welcome back home Messrs. Ruell Narron and Bigy Hinton, two of our young men who did active service in France. Although Mr. Narron was wounded and Mr. Hinton gassed, they both look well and happy.

Several of our young people attended the box party at Oake Grove school last Saturday night. They report a good time and the box party a success.

Rev. J. L. Ray spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Kenly on business and visiting friends.

Miss Josie Crocker spent last Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Boykin near Dixie.

Mr. Adolphus Godwin and Miss Malissa Wall were married Sunday evening at the home of Mr. J. B. Creech. Their many friends wish them a happy and successful life.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Barham, April 1, 1919, a son, George Odele.

Mrs. Newsom Narron and child have been very sick, but Mrs. Narron is able to be out again. We hope little Verlie will soon be well.

We had an exciting time for a few minutes last Tuesday evening when the cotton seed in the seed house of Wiley Narron & Sons caught on fire. The fire was soon controlled. The seed caught fire from a match struck by a negro to light his pipe.

Little Pearl Wilkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wilkins, came near being drowned Tuesday evening when she fell into a tub of water. Mr. Wilkins came to the rescue of the child just in time to save her life.

We had a right good crowd out at the singing at Mizpah Presbyterian church last Sunday. We hope soon to have a large and interesting class. "SEE—S."

BOYS OF THE 119TH INFANTRY ARRIVED WEDNESDAY.

Number Heroes Land Home—Came in on 80—Mustered Out at Camp Jackson—Selma En Masse at Train. Unable to Secure Names.

The boys from "over there" are home and the hearts of loved ones who have spent many anxious months are glad today. All the Selma boys who were in the 119th infantry with the 30th division, arrived in Selma yesterday on the belated A. C. L. train No. 80. They came from Camp Jackson, S. C., where they were mustered out Tuesday.

Train No. 80 did not arrive at Selma until about 3:30, and when it did arrive the union station and vicinity looked like a community fair was on. Selma simply closed up shop and turned out en masse to meet and welcome the returning heroes.

Quite a few of the boys who went away did not return, for they have made the supreme sacrifice in the struggle on the battlefield. Several, too, who were wounded in battle had already arrived home ahead of their comrades, so of those who came yesterday there were not so many as went away. We were unable to get the names of all, so we will not publish any names until we can get a more complete list.

There was no cheering when 80 pulled in, but in the faces of many and in the tremor of the voices of some who were returning from the field of blood and death were manifested a joy too deep for expression.

The Johnstonian extends to each of the returning heroes a glad and hearty welcome, and offers to serve, free of charge, in any way that we can do so any returning soldier who may need such service as we can render.—Selma Johnstonian, 10th.

Play With Your Boys and Girls.

The following article by Mrs. Lenore E. Ranus was sent us through the efforts of the Mothers' Club of this city. It was issued by the United States Bureau of Education and the National Kindergarten Association.

The play instinct is inborn in all children the world over; it is nature's own method for developing the senses, the muscles and all bodily growth. Play is even more than this; it is the outlet of expression of the child's inner life. Many faults as well as virtues may be discovered while watching children at play. Perhaps a mother will find that her child is selfish or rude, and it is easy to discover a serious disposition and a good temper in the course of a play hour.

Games are the expression of the play-spirit and toys are the instruments necessary for the expression of this activity of child-life. As a farmer needs garden tools to do his work, so a child needs toys for his play—or work, which play really is to him. And if toys are not provided ready-made, he will invent them, in order to be able to express his play-spirit.

All play depends upon the physical condition of the child. A normal, healthy child plays all the time, is easily interested in his toys and as he grows older invents games with them. If a child plays but little, cannot easily be interested in his toys, will not play alone and is cross, look first to his physical condition, then begin a course of training, or directed play. Start with a suggestion, "Why not build a high steeple?" or "Make mother a train of cars with your blocks." Often, especially in the case of an only child, if mother can enter into the play-spirit and play hide-and-seek, or march and sing, or even build with the blocks, it is such a treat and often a real help in promoting a readiness to play alone when mother must go back to her work.

Almost every child wants to help mother sweep, dust, make beds, wipe the silver or run errands. Make play out of the work and yet let the little one feel he is really doing something.

With tiny babies too little even to walk a mother can make play out of work. Have the high chair on the basinette or carriage in the room where you are working and keep baby busy with toys. For instance, if you are working in the kitchen, let the baby have a big spoon, clothes-pins, tin covers, or anything new and safe, but always keep these things for the kitchen. If he is allowed to have them all the time they soon lose their interest and he becomes restless and unhappy.

Miles O. Sherrill, for many years State librarian and an ex-Confederate soldier, died at his home in Greensboro Tuesday night at 10 o'clock. Mr. Sherrill was one of the best known men in the State and greatly admired by many close friends. He was about 80 years old.

You cannot run away from a weakness; you must fight it out or you perish; why not fight it out of you now, right where you stand?—Stevenson.

SCORES DEAD, MANY INJURED IN STORM.

Worst Wind in Many Years Sweeps Over North Texas and South Oklahoma.

Dallas, Texas, April 9.—Eighty-two lives was the toll of the storm which swept North Texas, Southern Oklahoma and a section of Arkansas last night and early today, according to reports received here up to 10 o'clock tonight. Many points still were isolated at that hour and the number of fatalities may be increased when full details are available as the tornado swept through thickly settled farming communities. Of the 82 reported dead, 43 have been identified.

The storm came up from the Rio Grande valley with a high wind and heavy rain, gaining force until it tore through the northern tier of Texas counties with the destructiveness of a tornado.

LOWER JOHNSTON ITEMS.

The farmers of this section are very busy these days preparing to plant their crops. Some are already planting.

The recent cold snap that came completely destroyed the peach crop throughout this section.

News came to this vicinity Monday that Mr. Ben Hudson suddenly dropped dead at his home near Dunn that day. The burial took place Tuesday afternoon at Stony Run church. Mr. Hudson was the father of Mrs. Ira Lee, of this section.

Several people in this section attended the burial of Mrs. Servia Williams near Shady Grove last Wednesday. She was an aged lady and was sister to Mr. Mordecai Lee and Mrs. Julius Barefoot, of this section.

Mr. Graydon Johnson has been spending some time touring some of the Southern States and other places of interest. He is stationed at Hot Springs, Ark., now and is expected to return home probably this week.

Mrs. Julia Blackman and Miss Leslie Lee went to Fayetteville last week for eye treatment.

Mr. A. R. Gilbert and family and Miss Prilla Gilbert, of Benson, passed through this section Sunday afternoon en route from Rosin Hill, where they visited.

Mrs. J. M. Lee, of Hopewell, Va., has been visiting relatives in this community for some time.

Mr. John Norris and family, of New Hope section, visited Mrs. Norris' mother, Mrs. Jarusha Tart, Sunday.

Mr. G. W. Wilson, of Shady Grove, spent a short while at Dr. Barefoot's Sunday.

Several people in these parts attended a W. O. W. unveiling near Lee's Chapel Sunday afternoon.

There will be preaching at Calvary Baptist church next fourth Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Olive, of Dunn. The public is invited to attend.

The school at Poplar Grove closed last Friday afternoon with a few of the community people present. They all enjoyed a candy stew. The children pulled and ate candy to their own satisfaction in spite of the rain.

The teachers, Misses Hettie Faircloth and Bessie Owen, returned Saturday to their home near Roseboro, Sampson county.

We are glad to welcome two of our overseas boys back home. Mr. Joseph Tart returned about two weeks ago. Mr. Milton Lee came home Tuesday of this week. Both seem to be enjoying good health, and glad to get home.

SPRING TIME.

Dunn, R. 2.

MISSIONARY COUNCIL

ENDS 8-DAY SESSION.

Memphis, Tenn., April 9.—The Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, tonight adjourned its eight-day annual session, following meetings today at which routine work was completed. An appropriation of \$27,000 for support of supernumerary missionaries and deaconesses was adopted today, and the salaries of missionaries were increased from \$750 to \$900 a year, while deaconesses, who have been on a salary basis heretofore, were allotted annual incomes of \$900. Official figures on pledges, dues and special offerings for the coming year showed that the council would have \$900,000 at its disposal.—News and Observer.

Mr. C. F. Coltrane returned Sunday night from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he is stationed at present. Before the armistice was signed he was in service in France. He belongs to the regular army and is at home on a furlough for a short time. Mr. Coltrane spent only seven weeks in France, getting there too late for the fighting.

In the highest civilization the book is still the highest delight.—Emerson.

THE CLAYTON BUDGET.

Clayton, April 9.—Miss Ruth Penny spent the past week-end at Micro. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pool, of Selma, were in town last Sunday.

Norwood Barbour, Ashley Garner and Warren McCullers are three Clayton boys who have come home with discharges. All of these have seen actual service in France and we welcome them back to our town. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Ellis, Misses Blanche Ellis, Carrie Austin and Jessie Gully spent a few hours with friends in Kenly last Sunday.

Mrs. Herbert Coats, who went to Rex Hospital some time ago for an operation, is getting along nicely and will be brought home today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Godwin have moved into their new home on Page street. This home was formerly owned by Mr. R. S. Penny.

Mr. Carlton Blackwood has accepted a position at Raleigh. He and his family will make their home in Raleigh.

Mrs. J. C. Ellis, who went to Rex Hospital last week, is improving and hopes to be home soon.

Charles, the small child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Price, is very ill. He is having convulsions. We hope he will soon be improved.

The town people welcome Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Southern, of Schenectady, N. Y. Mr. Southern has accepted a position as jeweler for F. A. Dawson. Mrs. W. S. Penn will entertain the Halycon club at her home (the Clayton Hotel) this afternoon.

The funeral of Dr. Charles De L. Bass was held from the Massey home Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. T. W. O'Kelly, of the First Baptist church, Raleigh, of which Dr. Bass was a member. He was assisted by Rev. A. O. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church here. He was buried in the Clayton cemetery on the Massey lot. The flowers were many and lovely. Dr. Bass had a number of friends here who will miss him. Mrs. Bass, nee Miss Lois Massey, has the sympathy of her hosts of friends here in her bereavement.

KENLY ITEMS.

Kenly, April 9.—The people of Kenly regret to learn that Dr. Foster is leaving here and going to Bailey, N. C., to practice.

There will be, on Thursday evening, a recital at the school auditorium for the benefit of the Young People's Missionary Society.

Mrs. T. E. Hodgins, of Goldsboro, is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Darden this week.

Mr. James Kirby, who is a student at Donaldson's Military Academy, is spending a few days at home.

Announcements have been received which read as follows: "Mr. and Mrs. James Hardy Kirby announce the marriage of their daughter, Marie Eleanor, to Mr. Jones Herring Barnes, on Tuesday, April 8, 1919, Kenly, North Carolina."

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Grizzard, Mr. Bud Bailey, Mr. Vance Hales, Misses Emma Matthews and Eunice Jerome and Messrs. Claude Edgerton and Geddie Jerome went to Cox's Ferry, near Princeton, on a fish fry Tuesday night.

Mr. L. C. Wilkinson is spending a few days in Dunn.

Mrs. Mattie Peacock, of Fremont, is visiting Mrs. W. J. Hooks.

Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Jerome represented the Kenly Red Cross at the county meeting in Smithfield Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sanders spent Monday in Goldsboro.

Kenly High School, represented by Misses Adna Lee Bailey and Alice Grice, won in the triangular debate over Stantonsburg at that town. The affirmative, represented by Misses Nellie Ballance and Marie Lassiter, were defeated by Lucama at home.

On Thursday, March 29, from three to five, Mrs. J. T. Barnes entertained the "Priscilla Club." After an hour spent in handiwork the hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. C. Bowman and Mrs. J. E. Stevens, served delightful refreshments, consisting of sandwiches and coffee, ice cream and cake. The members present were Mesdames L. C. Wilkinson, H. F. Edgerton, J. C. Bowman, J. R. Sauls, K. A. Turlington, J. W. Darden, J. J. High, H. M. Grizzard, W. J. Hooks, and P. D. Grady. The invited guests were Mrs. J. J. Edgerton, Mrs. J. E. Stevens and Mrs. E. Watson, of Mount Olive.

Thomas Nelson Page Resigns.

Thomas Nelson Page, the author of "Red Rock" and other Southern stories, and who has been American Ambassador to Italy since 1913, has sent in his resignation to President Wilson. He proposes to settle down upon a Virginia farm and write other books.

C. M. Miller has been re-elected engineer and superintendent of roads in Wake county. His salary is three thousand a year.

SOME NORTH CAROLINA NEWS TOLD IN BRIEF.

Items of Interest Over the State Clipped and Culled From the State Papers for Herald Readers.

Governor Thomas Walter Bickett Saturday issued a proclamation for Better Babies' Week beginning May 11. It has been the custom in North Carolina to observe this week for several years past but this year is the first time it has been dignified with a call from the Chief Executive to the people for its observance.

The flying field at Camp Bragg has been named Pope field by the war department in honor of First Lieutenant Harley H. Pope, who lost his life in the Cape Fear river last January as the result of an airplane accident. Official notification to this effect has been received from Washington by Col. Maxwell Murray, commander of Camp Bragg.

Lieut. James Thomas Raynor, of Bertie county, lost an arm by the accidental discharge of a shotgun on last Saturday. He had only recently returned home from service in France as first lieutenant in Company E, 219th Engineers. He won his promotion by splendid service. While in France his horse was shot and fell on him, inflicting a serious wound from which he had just recovered.

The Masons of North Carolina will hold their annual sessions at Greensboro May 13, 14 and 15. The meetings to be held there are the 71st annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the 43rd annual assembly of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters; the 39th annual convocation of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, and the annual grand convention Order of High Priests.

Recently dogs entered the pasture of Mr. Arthur H. Cowles, of Yadkin Valley, Caldwell county, while he was away from home, and killed practically all his flock of 35 sheep. On returning Mr. Cowles caught the dogs at their work and managed to kill one of them, but the others succeeded in getting away. It was said that Mr. Cowles recognized the dogs as belonging to one of his neighbors. The sheep were valued at about \$600.

William Deese, ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Deese, of Union county, was burned to death, while attempting to build a fire with kerosene. His father was plowing and Mrs. Deese had gone to carry some water to Mr. Deese, instructing the boy to build a fire. The kerosene can exploded, throwing oil over the boy and the house. The boy fell dead as he rushed from the house, and the house came near being destroyed by fire.

James R. Hatch, one of Wayne county's best known citizens, died at Goldsboro Tuesday afternoon. He underwent an operation Sunday for an aggravated case of appendicitis. For several years Mr. Hatch was engaged in business at Mount Olive. After moving to Goldsboro, he became active in public life and for several years was clerk of the court. At the time of his death he held a commission as United States commissioner and justice of the peace.

News comes from Wilmington that formal application has been made for \$180,000 of State and Federal road money to be used in the construction of a ferry and causeway across the Cape Fear river in conjunction with Brunswick county. This was decided upon at a meeting of the New Hanover board of commissioners Tuesday. H. F. Wilder and C. C. Chadburn were named on the county tax board of review, and L. W. Moore, local real estate dealer, was recommended for county supervisor of revaluation.

Announcement has been made of the purchase by E. W. Grove, of Asheville and St. Louis, Mo., of 40,000 acres of land largely timbered in Madison county and Greene and Union counties in Tennessee, the land having been purchased from the Laurel River Logging Company at a price, said to be \$35,000. Mr. Grove plans to place 50,000 head of cattle and sheep on the land after it has been cleared and the whole deal will involve about \$2,000,000. Mr. Grove is owner of Grove Park Inn, which was erected at Asheville at a cost of \$1,000,000 and Grove Park resident section in addition to several hundred acres of land adjoining the city.

Buncombe county farmers do not take to the new time at all and reports reaching Asheville from many sections are to the effect that almost without exception the farmers are using the same time, not changing on March 30, as was universally done. This matter has been brought out by statements made in the offices of the county officials at the county courthouse, where hundreds of farmers from all sections of the county go every week; and was forcibly brought out when several of them kicked because one of the offices was closed at 12 o'clock while the officials had gone to lunch, the farmers maintaining that it was only 11 o'clock and that the office should be open.