YEAR IN SMITHFIELD **BEST IN ITS HISTORY**

Many New Concerns Show the Progressive Spirit of the town-Smithfield Building Syndicate a Great Factor in the Town's Growth for 1919-Veneer Products Company Building Automobile Wheels of Veneer-Ivanhoe Mills Planning to Build No. Three-Austin-Stephenson Company Erecting A Large Three Story Department Store Building-Other Signs of Progress.

The widespread move of prosperity which has rolled over the entire country since the war did not leave this section untouched. The year 1919 has been the best business year for Smithfield and this vicinity in its history, and the year 1920 will bring to fruition plans now on foot which will mean much in every way to this community.

One of the biggest propositions before Smithfield early last year was the housing proposition. There were their home in our progressive little city. This situation was met by several of our wide-awake and progressive citizens getting together and or-ganizing the Smithfield Building Syndicate. This organization was formed during this year. on Jan. 17, 1919, and was the first of The Sanders Motor Company have its kind in the State. The object of this concern was to provide neat little homes at a reasonable price. No time was lost in securing several suitable residence lots and the contract for the first lot of houses was let on of August. Up to January 1, 1920, twelve nice five and six room bungalows had been built by the corporation and occupied, while nine others were under construction.

-A very important factor in providing more houses here is the Smithfield Building and Loan Association. At the beginning of 1919, this enterprise had in force 2,273 shares. At the close of the year there were 4,614 shares in force. Too much cannot be said of the worth of a live and properly managed building and loan association for a good town.

the town during the past year by the Smithfield Building Syndicate, there have been something like twenty-five or thirty nice homes built here. Some of these homes are very nice ones, costing all the way from twelve thousand to twenty-five thousand dollars. field. It has been a great year for the town. What this year will bring forth remains to be seen. All signs point to school has grown to such proportions another great year. Since Christmas a number of people have moved to the town and community and today the high school has an attendance of 110 pupils.

The chief new industry established for the town during the year now past is the Veneer Products Company. This was organized a little more than a year ago and has been the means of attracting the eyes of the people of the North and West toward Smithfield. The capital stock of the company is \$175,000. Large brick buildings have been constructed on the site of the Rand and Lawrence lumber plant and much costly machinery has been installed. The company began building, before the war closed, a large hydroplane for the United States Government. This was finished during the year and accepted by the Government. Few people realize that a great big flying machine that could stand the test was made right here in Smithfield. Mr. Harry Atwood, aviation engineer, planned the hydroplane which was built under his supervision. Mr. Atwood is president of the com-

This company's biggest interest is to turn out veneer products. They are now busy at work filling many large orders for veneer automobile wheels. The interest in these wheels is growing. Tests have proven that the veneer wheel is stronger than more of alcohol. Associate Justice Spring Council of which he was a many other kinds of wheels. Large orders have been received for these wheels from the big auto factories.

The tobacco interests have grown by leaps and bounds. Two of the warenouses greatly enlarged their floor space during the year. The Banner increased by almost one third. The Farmers doubled its floor space last spring by building a large brick addition at a cost of about twenty thousand dollars. More tobacco has been sold here during the present season which is now drawing to a missal of indictments brought under close than was ever sold here before. the war time prohibition act against associations, representing close to 5,- Woodard said without he contracted laid; water and sewerage put in and The prices it has brought has been the Standard Brewery of Baltimore | 000 citrus growers have wired Attorn- | pneumonia he would recover. No one astonishingly high and almost four and the American Brewing company million dollars have been paid out of New Orleans for manufacturing mission to devise ways and means for ning very slowly and did not see the

The T. S. Ragsdale Company have begun work on the new addition to their large drying plant and stemmery large warehouses will soon add an- pounds in a few years is expected.

other brick section to their house. The past year has been a prosperous one for the cotton mills of the

town. A few weeks ago the directors of the Ivanhoe Manufacturing Company met and ordered the erection of a new eight hundred thousand dollar mill between Smithfield and Four Oaks to be known as Mill No. 3. The machinery has already been bought for this plant.

The Austin-Stephenson Company, general merchants, have been compelled to make provision for larger quarters to handle their large and growing trade. A few months ago an architect made plans which were accepted for a three story department 210 feet deep. It is to be built of steel and brick and is to be fire-proof. This building will be the largest and most complete in all its details of any the contractor in charge, is already pushing the work along as rapidly as he can with the present labor conditions. A large part of the material is already on the grounds.

The organization of the Scotton Motor Company marked a new step not enough houses here to house the for Smithfield. Several enterprising folks who wanted to come and make men organized this company here during the late summer with a capital of \$100,000. They have secured a lot and plans and specifications have been accepted for a \$75,000 garage and sales-rooms which will be built

> greatly enlarged their business during the year and have now under course of construction a large and commodious garage on the site of the old Riverside Warehouse.

The wonderful progress of Smith-March 19, with the understanding that field during the past year has very they were to be finished by the first | naturally had its effect on the prices of real estate and property in the the year. The Union Auction Company, owned and managed by citizens of the town, has been organized, and has sold more than three-quarters of a million dollars worth of property, town and rural, since October 1st. Property in Smithfield is higher today than ever before and the great demand for residences and store rooms

the Spring Ceremonial for Oasis American Independence.' In addition to the homes built in Temple of the Mystic Shrine which was held here last May. It was a big success from every standpoint, more than two thousand Shriners being entertained here. Since that day wherever you find a Shriner you find a man who sings the praise of Smith-

Not only has the commercial interests of Smithfield grown, but the that a new building is imperative. A number of the grades are working a double session this year, and this system will prevail throughout the grades next year. Plans are under way for a new building.

This review just hits the high places. One has only to visit this little city to be convinced that this-the center of one of the big.agricultural counties of the state, with its manufacturing interests, with its tobacco market, with its splendid school, with its five or more churches, and with its fine citizenship, is the garden spot of eastern Carolina.

PROHIBITION WINS VICTORY.

Supreme Court Decides That Congress Four for Prohibition Act.

preme court Monday upheld the right had even heard him complain. Mr. of congress to define intoxicating Hocutt was born July 24, 1863, thus liquors, in so far as applied to war being in his 58th year. He was in time prohibition.

In a five to four opinion rendered by Associate Justice Brandeis the of Antioch church, and lived consis- this is very important to the people court sustained the constitutionality of provisions in the Volstead prohibi- be missed in his home, in his commution enforcement act prohibiting the nity and in his church. The funeral manufacture and sale of beverages containing one-half of 1 per cent. or Day, Van Devanter, McReynolds and

Clarke dissented. Validity of the federal prohibition constitutional amendment and of por- friends and relatives had gathered to tions of the Volstead act affecting its enforcement was not involved in the proceedings, but the opinion was regarded as so sweeping as to leave lit- ie Hocutt, Messrs. J. H., Joe and Jestle hope among "wet" adherents.

brief ray of hope when shortly after- nity. wards Associate Justice Day in an unanimous opinion sustained the dishere for tobacco alone during the past | 2.75 beer before the Volstead act was reducing living costs, the governors of boy until the accident had happened. passed.—Associated Press.

Korea's cotton crop was increased to prices much below last year, of the all have the sympathy of the communwhich when completed will double the nearly 80,000,000 pounds last year and greatest crop of grape fruit ever ity and all hope for the early recovery capacity of the plant. One of the an annual production of 250,000,000 grown in this country, says a Tampa, of the boy.

TO AID CAUSE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Governor Bickett Issues a Proclamation Setting Apart Sunday, January 18, As Law Enforcement Day and Calls on the Ministers to Cooperate With the Officers in Enforcing the Prohibition Laws.

The question of law enforcement is to have special emphasis during the next few weeks. The Nation will be declared a prohibition nation on Janstore. The building which will face uary 16, by the Amendment to the Third street is to be 85 feet front and National Constitution which has been adopted by the union of States. The great campaign for the enforcement of the prohibition laws is now on and store house in the county. It will cost Governor Bickett is lending his aid to about \$125,000. Mr. Junius Peterson, this movement by issuing a proclamation declaring Sunday, January 18, as 'Law Enforcement Day." His proclamation reads as follows:

"On January 16th, 1920, according to the action of the citizens of this nation, the fundamental policy of this Government regarding the liquor traffic will change and, according to our Federal Constitution, it will be unlawful to manufacture, sell, transport, import, or export intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in the United States. Under the provisions of the She has sent out letters to them from law-enforcement code passed by Congress October 28th, 1919, the Internal Revenue Department is charged with the enforcement of this law, and Mr. Roper, the head of this department, is appealing to citizens and State officers to give the Federal officers full information as how to do it. A speakco-operation in this work.

"Now, therefore, I, Thomas. Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, by virtue of the authority vested in Dr. Fotch will also make an inspiring me, do hereby proclaim that Sunday, town has more than doubled during January 18th, be set apart as "Law-Enforcement Day," and I request that to come prepared to stay for the night the ministers of the State, on that day, read this proclamation to their congregations and call on them to cooperate with the officers for the enforcement of our National and State anti-liquor laws.

"Done at our city of Raleigh, this the 6th day of January, in the year indicates that it is going to continue of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty and in the one hun-One of the events of the year was dred and forty-fourth year of our sister, Miss Essie Sasser.

ANTIOCH NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hogg and daughter. Miss Mamie, and Mr. Riners Gainey of Hartsville, S. C., spent last week in this community visiting rela-

Mr. and Mrs. Loomis Strickland of the Emit section spent Monday night in our community the guests of Mr.

and Mrs. H. H. Creech. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Creech and famly of Kenly spent the week end in

this community visiting relatives. Mrs. C. H. Freeman is spending this

veek with Mrs. Julius Williams near Miss Jessie Narron who has been

n school at Hemp has returned to her home in Dixie. Mr. Donnie Godwin and Miss Willa

Hinnant of Archer Lodge were married last Sunday, January 4, Mr. G. R. Whitley, J. P., officiating.

Our community was overwhelmed with sorrow last Wednesday morning, December 30, 1919, when it was announced that Mr. J. R. Hocutt was dead. We had seen him at the close of the day, well and strong, going Has Right Define Intoxicating about his daily routine of work and Liquors-Court Decides Five To long before the midnight hour, he was locked in the cold embrace of death. His death was almost instantaneous. By a margin of one vote the su- He died without a struggle. No one every walk of life honest, pure and clean. He was a member and deacon munity is expected to be present as tently with his profession. He will services were conducted under the auspices of Junior Lodge of the Sandy member, after which his body was laid Pittman will make their home with to rest in the cemetery at Antioch the groom's parents. where a large concourse of sorrowing pay him a last tribute of respect. Mr. Hocutt leaves a wife, one daughter and three sons, as follows: Miss Mamse Hocutt. The bereaved family has The "wets," however, received a the deepest sympathy of the commu-

Middlesex, No. 3.

One hundred and thirteen individual Under government encouragement pointing to the food value, and at much grieved over the accident. They Florida, dispatch.

PROHIBITION MEETING HERE THIS AFTERNOON

Will Be Held In Baptist Church This Afternoon (Friday) at three O'clock -Dr. W. E. Fotch of Ohio to Direct Meeting-Miss Augusta Anderson Of Smithfield Named as County Director.

The World Prohibition Movement is now on. The campaigners are at work in many sections of the State of North Carolina and are beginning their work in Johnston County. Rev N. E. Cotton, of Red Springs, the District Organizer, was here Tuesday and made arrangements to hold a meeting here in the Baptist church this afternoon and night. Dr. Fotch, of Ohio, will be on hand to direct. He will make an address at the night session of the meeting.

The State Director, Mr. C. H. Mebane, former State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who is directing the campaign in North Carolina, has appointed Miss Augusta Anderson, of Smithfield, to be Director for Johns- day, ton county. Miss Anderson has appointed a number of lieutenants to aid her in this work in this county. which we take the following para-

graph: "On January 9, at three o'clock, in the Baptist Church, we will hold a conference, at which we will map out the work for each one to do and give er of national reputation and much experience, Dr. W. E. Fotch of Ohio, will be on hand to direct. At night, address filled with information, to which the public is invited. Be sure service. No collection will be taken at these meetings."

GLADYS NOTES .

Miss Myrtle Bailey made a business trip to Goldsboro Monday. Miss Rosa Sasser has returned to Kings Business College, Raleigh, after spending the holidays with her

Misses Bennie and Vick Godwin Hemp, N. C., after spending the holidays with their parents. They were accompanied by Misses Leon Godwin and Maud Stilly who will spend the Spring term at Elise School.

Several of our people went to Smithfield to go before the Board of building a new school building here.

Miss Mamie Hocutt has the sympathy of our community in the sudden

Mr. R. M. Pittman has killed the days. largest hogs of any one in our section so far as we have heard. Four hogs eighteen months old weighed two thousand one hundred and thirty two pounds. The largest hog weighed six hundred and seven pounds.

Miss Malissie Hoover, of Newport, Tenn., has accepted the school at Stillys and will begin teaching Wednesday.

The Christmas tree at Mizpah Saturday evening was a success. Every Sunday school child received a present, and several presents were put on for parents, children and friends. Rev. C. E. Clark, pastor of the church, was present and made a talk, and Mr. and

Mrs. Clark received a nice pounding. County Superintendent W. H. Hipps of Smithfield will be here Wednesday, January 14, to talk to the people concerning a new school building. He is expected at 11 o'clock and will talk in the church as the school rooms are very small. Everybody in the comof this community.

Mr. Atlas Pittman, son of Mr. S. A. Pittman, and Miss Mittie Allen, daughter of Mr. C. W. Allen, were married at the home of Mr. Paul Boyett Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs.

While Mr. Argo Johnson was passing the school house Tuesday afternoon immediately after school had closed Ollie Narron, son of Mr. Vance Narron, attempted to jump on his truck while running and was thrown The new owners will spend a half under the truck and run over. It was million dollars at once in enlarging headed the receiving line. Also among thought for several minutes the boy was killed, but he recovered and Dr. Woodard of Kenly was phoned for duction; additional houses are to be and came to him. He was examined built for operatives and a model mill and no broken bones were found. Dr. ey General Palmer, head of the com- blames Mr. Johnson as he was runtwenty-five states and mayors of fifty He rendered every possible aid for large cities in the east and middle west | the help of the boy, and seemed very

AT THE CAPITAL OF BEULAH.

Kenly, Jan. 7 .- Miss Sadie Morris eft Monday afternoon for the Conservatory of Music at Durham after spending the holidays with parents and friends.

Miss Jessie Perry of Washington, D. C., is visiting Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Woodard for a few days.

Miss Faye Barnes of Smithfield spent New Year's here with parents. Mr. H. M. Grizzard has recently returned from a business trip to Rich-

Mr .and Mrs. F. A. White spent Sunday in Wilson visiting friends. Mr. L. Z. Woodard left Tuesday on a business trip to Richmond.

for Baltimore to visit her husband who is undergoing treatment at the Mercy Hospital. We are glad to know Mr. Kirby's condition is so much improved and hope that he will be able to be out soon.

Mrs. J. H. Barnes, of Dunn, is spending some time at the home of er parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kirby. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edwards, of Princeton, and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. of Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Woodard Sun-

Mr. Luther Etheridge who lives with the Farmers Bank here.

Mr. Marvin Revell who has been one of the school faculty as principal n the Kenly high school, has resigned, and Prof. Peele of Elon College, has accepted the place.

Mrs. R. A. Turlington has recently returned from a stay of some length in Roseboro where she visited relatives and friends, and reports a delightful trip.

Mrs. L. C. Wilkerson will entertain the Priscilla Club Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barnes, of Dunn, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kirby Sunday.

Mr. Yates Edgerton from Charlotte has recently been on a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Edgerton and left to attend the automobile show in New

Mrs. Dora Gilbreath has accepted a position in the store of G. G. Edgerton and Son.

Mr. H. F. Edgerton made a business trip to Wilmington Tuesday. Mr. A. D. Underwood from Rosehave returned to Elise High School, boro was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Turlington during the week end. Miss Lucile Holden returned to

Misses Grace Harper of LaGrange and Ida Sledge of Wendell stopped over during the week end as the guest of Miss Inez Edgerton, and those Education Monday in the interest of three girls left Monday night for Greensboro to resume their studies at G. C. W. College.

Mrs. Martha Mathews and Mrs. J. W. J. Edgerton in Wilson for a few

Mr. Dobbin Bailey has returned to Chapel Hill after spending the holi-

days at home. Mr. Howard Grady has returned to school at Wake Forest after being at home for the holidays.

The reception which was given the returned soldiers and sailors of Beulah township last Friday night by the Red Cross Chapter was quite a success and enjoyed by all.

SELMA COTTON MILLS SOLD.

Bought by New York Corporation, Which Will Spend \$500,000 in Enlargement.

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—The Selma cotton mills, at Selma, have changed hands, the consideration being about \$500,-000. The mills, which were owned principally by N. E. Edgerton, formerly of Selma but now of Raleigh, were purchased by the Standard Textile Produce Company, an Ohio corporation, whose principal headquarters are 320 Broadway, New York

Vice President and General Manager H. E. Andress; General Counsel J. T. Broadben, manager of agencies and other officers of the Standard Textile Products Company were here and effected the deal through Mr. Edgerton. J. Crawford Biggs, attorney for the Selma mills, figured prominently in the transaction. Mr. Biggs will continue as attorney for the mills under the new ownership. the mills. Weaving machinery is to village is planned. Streets will be electric lights installed .- W. H. Richardson.

Off to New York.

Four Oaks, Jan. 6.—Leon A. Adams of Leon A. Adams & Co., left Monday night to attend the Automobile Dealers' Association now in session will visit Washington and Baltimore. manufacture of dyes and pigments.

TO HOLD Y. M. C. A. BANQUET NEXT WEEK

County and Rural Work Specialist to Be In Smithfield and Johnston County Next Week .- County Convention January 16.

The organizer of the Johnston County Y. M. C. A. reported yesterday that arrangements had been made to have Mr. Hugh Maydole, of New York City visit the county next week. Mr. Maydole has given considerable time to rural work in other sections of the United States and comes to us highly recommended as an expert in Mrs. J. H. Kirby left Monday night | County Problems among boys. He is one of the International Secretaries of the County Work Department. Conferences have been arranged to be held in several towns of the county Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights of next week at which time Mr. Maydole will speak explaining all phases of the County work of the Y. M. C. A. On Friday night, January 16, beginning at 7:00 o'clock, a County Convention will be held. This will Revell, of this section, were the guests | be for men invited from several towns and communities of the county. Mr. T. S. Ragsdale, the Provisional County Chairman, is inviting representanear here, has accepted a position tive citizens and it is expected that a large number of men will be present. The Woman's Club of Smithfield has kindly offered to serve the banquet dinner. Mrs. L. G. Patterson, President of the Club, will have charge of this feature of the entertainment. Interesting and capable speakers will be present on this occasion.

NEWS IN CLAYTON.

Clayton, Jan. 7.-Miss Barbara Gulley and Miss Della Austin left Monday morning for Charlotte where they will enter Queen's College for the spring term.

Misses Eloise Turley, Alta Dedham and Mr. Bill Ellis visited friends in Four Oaks last Sunday.

Miss Sulou McCullers after spending the holidays here with her parents left Monday night for Mary Baldwin Seminary at Staunton, Va.

Messrs. Devan Barbour and Percy Young of Raleigh spent Sunday here with Mr. Barbour's parents.

Miss Telza Barnes left Sunday night for Wakefield. She goes to teach music at the Wakefield High School.

Miss Genie Thomas and Doris Jeffrys returned to Meredith College Louisburg College Monday afternoon. Monday after spending the holidays here with parents.

Miss Elsie Poole has accepted a position as stenographer with J. G. Barbour & Sons. During the past year she has been with the Clayton Banking Company.

With the coming of 1920 we find lots of people moving from place to death of her father who lived near J. Edgerton are visiting the family of place. Houses are scarce in town and many people are finding it hard to get places to go.

Mr. Harvey Stancil of Selma was in town last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Tom Vinson and family from Smithfield have moved into the house on second street where Mr. Coats has been living. Mr. Vinson has purchased the home and we hope them much happiness and welcome them to our town.

The graded school opened again Monday after two weeks vacation for the holidays. The attendance was good, a few changes made in teachers. Mrs. Miller White is filling the vacancy made by Miss Bessie Jackson of Garner.

Messrs. Herman Duncan, Bill Ellis and Bennette Poole have returned to Wake Forest after spending the holidays here with their parents.

| Misses Donchka Barnes and Thelma Yelvington left Monday for the Conservatory of Music at Durham, after spending the holidays here. Mr. James Hall of Norfolk is here

C. W. Carter. NAVY IS HOST TO JELLICOE

for a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs.

British Admiral Entertained by the American Navy.

Washington, Jan. 5.-The American navy was host tonight at a reception given to Admiral Viscount Jellico, of Scapa, commander of the British high seas fleet in the battle of Jutland. The reception, which closed a busy day for the visiting naval officer, was at the residence of Secretary Daniels, who the guests were members of both be installed, thus adding cloth pro- houses of congress and naval attaches of the various embassie and legations.

> Viscount Jellico, who arrived here yesterday from New York, started the day with formal calls on Secretary of State Lansing and Secretary Daniels. Later he called on Vice-President Marshall, and was received on the floors of the senate and house. The outstanding feature, however, of the day was an official inspection of the Washington navy yard.

Extensive deposits of titanium ore in New York City. While away he in Norway will be utilized for the