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SMITHFIELD TO HAVE NEW STEMMERY PLANT

Chartered by Secretary of State Wednesday—Company to Have Authorized Capital of One Hundred Thousand Dollars—Plant to be Operated by the F. R. Edmondson Company of South Boston.

Smithfield is to have another stemmery and re-drying tobacco plant in operation for the fall season. The Smithfield Tobacco Stemmery Company was incorporated in the office of the Secretary of State Wednesday. The charter authorizes a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars. The company has been organized by a large number of Smithfield citizens and starts off with a good working capital.

Ground has been secured near the depot and an up-to-date re-drying plant is to be erected and equipped, the material and machinery having already been purchased. We understand that the plant is to be operated by the F. R. Edmondson Company, of South Boston, Va.

With the addition of this plant to the Smithfield tobacco-market the facilities for handling next season's crop will be greatly enlarged. The T. S. Ragsdale Company are doubling the capacity of their plant, and with the new plant Smithfield will be able to take care in a splendid way of all the tobacco which will come here next season.

The market sold seven million pounds during the season just closed and the contemplated increase for this year's acreage in tobacco indicates an eight-million market next season. Smithfield still marches upward and onward.

NORTH CAROLINA LEADS IN STILLS DESTROYED

Total of 175 Moonshine Plants Seized and Destroyed in State First Month of Prohibition.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Figures for the first month of prohibition enforcement under the constitutional amendment show that North Carolina led the states in the southern district in the number of stills seized and destroyed. Furthermore, the southern district led all other sections of the country in seizures.

These statistics did not particularly surprise revenue office officials as moonshining records for a long time past have shown that agents had most work to do in the southern sections, where the mountain maker of liquor has been hard to suppress.

Figures announced for North Carolina seizures during the first month covering implements seized and destroyed were:

Distilleries, 175; still worms, 60; fermenters, 1,751; gallons of spirits, 280; gallons of molasses reported for seizure, 1,584; pounds of sugar reported, 500.

In the entire southern district, which comprises the states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky, some of the total items of seizure and destruction were:

Illicit stills, 445; gallons of spirits, 1,104; fermenters, 2,954; gallons of molasses reported for seizure, 2,670; number of persons arrested first month, 438.—Greensboro News.

Max Gardner at Chapel Hill.

Chapel Hill, Feb. 25.—Addressing the student body of the State University tonight, Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner delivered one of the greatest messages ever heard on the Hill. "Life More Abundant for North Carolinians" was the theme of the speaker, who said, "If I were called on tonight to outline the platform of my party, I would make the keynote ring and throb with an expression of challenge for life—life more abundantly."

It was the opening address of the three arranged for by the University, the other candidates for Governor are to speak later. It was a great occasion, for the record of Max Gardner "on the hill" is well remembered by the boys, who love to go over and over the story of the days when Gardner was Captain of the victorious Carolina team.

The great mass of humanity is sound and sweet, because it works.—Dr. Frank Crane.

BENTONVILLE NEWS.

Rev. Mr. Grimm of Wilson filled his regular appointment at Mill Creek church Sunday.

Messrs. C. M. Massengill of Princeton and Carson Johnson of Smithfield were visitors in our section Sunday.

The mumps and flu are making their rounds through this section now-a-days. Most of our folks have one or the other in their family.

Messrs. J. E. and Green Flowers of the Pikeville high school spent Sunday in this section with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Flowers spent Sunday in the Poplar Springs school section with Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan.

Mr. W. A. Powell went to Raleigh Saturday to attend to some business as a representative of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company.

Mr. H. V. Rose was in our section Wednesday attending to some school work.

Mr. J. C. Jennette and Mr. Pearson of Goldsboro were in our section Monday on business.

Mr. A. E. Croom, road superintendent of Bentonville was called to Hickory a few days ago to the bed side of his mother who was very ill. We have learned since that Mr. Croom was taken ill on arriving. We hope for him a speedy recovery and that he will soon be back on the job.

Mr. Leslie Edwards had the misfortune to get his arm broken last week while playing a game of ball at Beaver Dam school.

Bentonville, Feb. 2.

CORINTH NEWS.

Rev. Mr. Cashwell preached at Corinth Saturday afternoon.

Miss Verona Hocutt has recently returned home from Durham where she has been visiting her brother, Mr. Coy H. Hocutt.

Mr. and Mrs. Battle Creech of near Kenly spent Saturday night with their mother, Mrs. Nellie Oneil.

Mr. Harvey Parker, principal of Corinth school, and Miss Christine Oneil spent the week end at Mr. Parker's home near Selma.

Mrs. Carmel Creech returned to her home in Durham last Wednesday after attending the burial of Mrs. Spurgeon Creech at Bethany.

Mrs. C. W. Hocutt and Miss Verona Hocutt visited Mrs. Hocutt's father, Mr. W. G. Narron in the Antioch section Saturday.

Mr. Raiford Driver of Lee's Chapel is making his home at Mr. J. R. Creech's this year.

Mr. Eunice S. Hocutt of Mt. Olive is spending some time in our community with relatives and friends.

Miss Iva Hocutt visited in Durham last week.

Mr. J. D. Creeth of Middlesex was a pleasant visitor in our community last week.

We have several cases of influenza around here but are glad to say they are all improving at present.

Messrs. R. L. Wall and G. A. Briggs went to Wendell Friday afternoon on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Green of West Durham attended the burial of Mr. Julian Pope's baby Friday afternoon at Corinth.

Dr. H. P. Underhill of Wendell was in our community Sunday night.

Mr. C. W. Hocutt's people are sick with influenza.

Rev. R. L. Hocutt visited the sick in Antioch section Sunday.

Miss Mozelle Whitley of Archer was a visitor at the home of Mr. Q. B. Hocutt Sunday afternoon.

Miss Elsie Lemons spent the past week at the home of Mr. Zeb Liles, who died Friday, February 20.

Last Wednesday morning about 2 o'clock the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Pope and took from them their little son, Julian, Jr., age about six months. It had been sick only a short while with influenza followed by pneumonia. The funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon by Rev. R. R. Pippin amidst a large crowd of friends and relatives who had gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to the little one, after which the remains were laid to rest in Corinth cemetery. The floral offerings were beautiful.

Weep not dear parents for little Julian is only sleeping in the arms of Jesus. The bereaved have our deepest sympathy in this sad hour.

BLUE EYES.

There are 125 mountain peaks in Colorado more than 10,000 feet high and 37 peaks more than 14,000 feet.

AN OPEN LETTER TO SCHOOL COMMITTEEMEN

Several Schools Closed on Account of Influenza—Superintendent Hipps Recommends That School Committees Pay Salaries of Teachers During Time School Is Closed.

County Superintendent of Schools, W. H. Hipps, has sent the following letter to school committeemen of Johnston in regard to the influenza situation:

To the Committeemen of Johnston County:

On account of the presence of influenza in the county many of the schools were closed. Several have reopened; some are closed as yet; and in a few instances committeemen have considered closing the school for the year.

Permit me to say in the beginning, I desire to co-operate with the local committeemen and local physicians in controlling the influenza situation in the various school districts of the county. We have to rely upon your judgment. I believe you acted wisely in closing for a few weeks many of the schools. But from information which I have obtained from reliable sources, the influenza situation is greatly improved throughout the county. There are doubtless a few districts that are exceptions to this rule.

The situation is such that I am of the opinion that you ought to consider the matter of reopening your school next Monday, March 1st. In many of the school districts of the county the children were given only a few weeks school last year. This lost time in most instances will never be made up. Now, for these same boys and girls—the men and women of tomorrow—to lose the greater part of another year is a very serious matter. The result is obvious: these boys and girls will be handicapped all their lives, and will sorely need the training that they will receive in our schools. Our school terms are already too short in many districts. This leads me to say, that no school ought to be closed for the year. The Constitution of the State has in recent years been amended so that every child in the State is guaranteed at least a six months school term. It is our duty, therefore, to see to it that every child at least gets the number of months given it by the Constitution of the State.

Human life is sacred, and I want to urge you first to consider the danger of an influenza epidemic in your district prior to the opening of your school. In case you open your school with some scattering cases of influenza, be sure to have each teacher exclude the attendance of all children with colds, and those from the homes where there is influenza. Many of the rural schools have remained open by following the above plan. The Graded School in Smithfield has been kept open by Superintendent and each teacher carefully looking after the physical condition of each child as it enters school each day.

Several committeemen have asked me concerning the salaries of teachers during the time that our schools have been closed. I have in each case recommended that each teacher receive her salary in full. Our teachers cannot attend summer schools and prepare themselves for teaching without receiving at least living wages. Is it any wonder that teachers are scarce when we consider the small salary that each teacher receives as annual salary? I cannot see how they can live on less. I believe you will do the teachers of your district an injustice unless you pay them for the time your school has been closed.

In order that I may keep in touch with the schools please report to me if the influenza situation is such that you cannot open your school next Monday. I recommend that if you do not open next Monday, that you close your school for only one week at a time. Notify your teachers if you are planning to open next Monday.

Assuring you of my co-operation in advancing the cause of education in your district, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. H. HIPPS,
Superintendent.

Cat Fur Valuable.

Pelts of the best house cats brought \$1.24 each in New York City Monday at an annual fur auction sale.

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS TOLD IN BRIEF

Paragraphs of Interest Gleaned And Culled From the Daily And Weekly Papers.

Greensboro has let the contract for paving four miles of streets.

The influenza situation at Kittrell is improved and the schools have reopened.

Revenue officers captured a big 100-gallon distillery Saturday. It was a steam outfit.

Two persons have died as a result of the fire which destroyed the Beverly Hotel at Staunton, Va., Tuesday.

Cotton reached a new high level Wednesday when March cotton sold for 37.63 on the New York futures market.

Greensboro and Wilmington will be the supply and accounting offices for North Carolina third and fourth class post offices.

Myron E. Fuller, of Yale, will be the University football team's coach for next fall. He has been a coach for the past seven years.

The schools of Wilmington and New Hanover have closed until next Monday on account of illness in the families of many students.

The Hamlet Y. M. C. A. has secured a library of over 4,000 volumes, which were a part of the library used for the soldiers during the war.

G. L. Hoover, of Mecklenburg, committed suicide Tuesday morning by throwing himself in front of a train. Insanity is reported as the cause for his rash deed.

Charles Jolley, of Brevard, was a good barber four years ago. He is now a Baptist preacher and is assistant pastor of the First Baptist church at Suffolk, Va.

General Leonard Wood has entered the Ohio primaries to contend with Senator Harding for Ohio's vote in the primaries for the Republican nomination for the Presidency.

The Wilmington post office has been made a clearing house for 42 counties in Eastern North Carolina. The order is effective March 15. Johnston county will be in the Wilmington district.

President Wilson has sent a telegram to both houses of the Oklahoma Legislature urging the members to ratify the woman suffrage amendment. The house ratified the measure Wednesday.

O. Max Gardner spoke at Chapel Hill Wednesday night to a crowded house. He is the first of the gubernatorial candidates who are to present campaign issues to the University students.

When Judge Harding walked into the court room at Charlotte this week to hold court he found that no jury was on hand. It seems that through a misunderstanding the Sheriff had failed to summons a jury.

Union labor is going to hold a meeting on March 22 to plan a political campaign. The labor leaders are not satisfied to wait and try to get what they want through the two old parties. When Labor gets fully into politics there is danger ahead.

The flu situation over the State is improving rapidly. The schools which were closed are re-opening in many counties and it is believed that a normal situation will prevail within the next few days. The Reidsville schools re-opened Monday. In some sections there has been very little flu, while in other sections it has been worse than the scourge of last winter.

Mr. Hoover has set the folks at rest by declining to let his name go on the Democratic ballots for the preferential primaries in Georgia. He says he was not identified with the Democratic party before the war and that his official connection with the government has been of a war service and not of a partisan character. Mr. Hoover does not wish to sail under false colors. His declaration lets the politicians know where he does not stand.

The Washington correspondents say that the Mecklenburg situation is one that worries some of the politicians. The Mecklenburg people seem to think that they ought to have the representative in Congress. Clyde Hoey is considering getting out of the race for Congress in order to ease up things. He fears that if he stays in he will be in the way of his brother-in-law Max Gardner for governor, says the Washington writers.

The sweet and luscious Rocky Ford cantaloupe is a native of Colorado where it grows at its best.

CLAYTON NEWS

Clayton, Feb. 25.—Mr. Cecil Barbour of the U. S. Navy is here for a few days.

Mr. J. A. Vinson is very sick with influenza at the home of his brother, Mr. Tom Vinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Smith who are both confined to their bed with influenza are reported as doing nicely.

Miss Elsie Poole who for several weeks has been in an account of sickness is back on her job as stenographer at J. G. Barbour & Sons.

Mr. L. H. Yarborough who for the past three or four months has been in bed as a result of paralysis six years ago, since which time he has been an invalid, passed away at his home here last Thursday night. "Uncle Lee", as he was called by the entire town, was loved by all who knew him and always bore his distressing condition with patience. He was buried Friday afternoon at three o'clock at the Gully burying ground three miles from town. He leaves a wife but no children.

Mr. W. R. Smith of Selma made a business trip here one day last week. Miss Birdie Taylor is out again after an attack of influenza.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leamon Jones last week a daughter, Helen La Vada.

Mr. Will F. Weathers returned Tuesday from Wilson where he was called there to see his brother, Mr. Al Weathers of Farmville who is in the hospital there. Mr. Weathers is doing nicely now.

Dr. Hubert Penny of Rockwood Tenn., who came here a few weeks ago on account of the death of his father, Mr. Ransom Penny, is confined to his bed at the home of his sister, Mrs. O. G. Smith, but is doing nicely.

Reports from Miss Gladys Barbour, who is ill in New York with pneumonia say she is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sam White and Mrs. Miller White spent Monday afternoon in Smithfield.

The influenza situation, while still serious, is hoped to be a little improved.

Mr. Bawley Ellen died at his home here Friday as a result of influenza-pneumonia. Mr. Ellen had every attention possible but it seemed his case was hopeless. He will be greatly missed, not only by his wife and three children but by all because he has a host of friends. He always lived in good heart and had a word for everybody. He was buried at the new cemetery Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

In Memoriam—Vada Mae Boon.

On the night of February 19th, 1920, a lasting shadow swept over the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boon, just before the clock chimed the midnight hour. For it was then that their dear daughter, Vada, closed so gently her eyes in death and her pure, gentle spirit soared Heavenward to her eternal home. She had fought a heroic fight without a murmur of complaint against influenza-pneumonia, and her courage never faltered. But the end came to leave many broken hearts. Vada was a young lady of a happy, sunny disposition. Seldom has any young lady so completely won the hearts of the people of Benson and surrounding country. With the exception of the years she spent in college she was her mother's daily companion. Each and every member of the family doubtless loved her too well. Not only because she was daughter and sister, but because she was worthy of their love, for her lofty character always amiable and pleasant and now that God has taken her, no village ever mourned a departed friend more universally than Benson now mourns her loss. Everything possible was done for her but God wanted her, and now the hearts of a multitude of friends are pouring out sympathy to her desolate loved ones. May the great I Am give them the Christian fortitude to bear this crushing sorrow. She was laid to rest in the Benson cemetery.

Floral offerings were many and perfectly beautiful.

Benson, Feb. 25, 1920.

Not Miles Enough.

In Tuesday's paper we had a little article on our war debt from Mr. J. H. Broadwell in which there were some typographical errors. He intended to say box cars of "60,000 capacity and a railroad track of 121 1-2 miles (instead of 121-2 miles) to hold the silver" to pay the war debt.

BAINBRIDGE COLBY SECRETARY OF STATE

President Wilson Surprises the Country Again by Naming New York Lawyer to Succeed Secretary Lansing—Colby was Roosevelt Progressive Prior to 1916.

Yesterday's dailies carried the surprising news that President Wilson had named Bainbridge Colby, of New York, as the successor to Robert Lansing as Secretary of State. The selection of Mr. Colby was about as surprising as the dismissal of Mr. Lansing. But then it is Mr. Wilson's way to take the country by surprise now and then. When he named Mr. Meredith to succeed Mr. Houston in the Cabinet as Secretary of Agriculture the nation raised its head and asked, "Who is Meredith?"

Mr. Colby was a Roosevelt man and worked for his election in 1912 and nominated him at Chicago in 1916. When Mr. Roosevelt gave his support to Mr. Hughes that year, Mr. Colby cast his fortunes with the Democratic party and worked for the election of Mr. Wilson. Mr. Colby was a member of the Government Shipping Board for nineteen months, resigning about a year ago to take up the practice of law in New York City. He is a native of St. Louis and was born fifty-one years ago.

Death Caused By Burn.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Kornegay last Sunday night and took from them their darling little child, Vadie Ann, God sparing the precious jewel four years, two months and twenty two days. The death was caused from a burn which occurred January the 20th 1920. The child was standing by the fire when her dress caught on fire. Her mother went to the rescue as soon as the alarm was given and the flame was higher than the child's head. With a mother's love in her heart, she went to the burning child with a resolution to put out the flame. The only way Mrs. Kornegay saw to save her was to tear off the clothes. In tearing the burning clothes Mrs. Kornegay's hands were burned awfully and she has just recovered so she can do her house work with the aid of rubber and cotton gloves.

Little Vadie Ann never recovered but she bore her sufferings easily and quietly until the icy hands of death stretched out and a voice called, "Come." All was done for her that loving parents, kind friends and physicians could do, but He that giveth taketh and He knew best.

The funeral service was conducted Monday evening, February 23, by Rev. E. F. Pierce, a Primitive Baptist minister, after which the little body was laid to rest under an artificial wreath of flowers in a newly made family burying ground to await the resurrection morn. She leaves a broken hearted mother and father, three sisters, one brother and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. The little babe is gone to rest, To reign with God forever blest; Her little tongue will always praise A Saviour's love, redeeming grace.

BESSIE H.

Man "Who Died" Not Pleased.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro News tells of a Greek who doesn't like the way things were carried on when "he died." Says the Raleigh correspondent: :

"Sarkis Tady, a young Greek merchant, who more than a fortnight ago startled his relatives by rising from a state of coma lasting days and into what they regarded death, has instituted suit against C. F. Collins, of Clinton for recovery of store fixtures sold on the strength of Tady's "death" Tady "died" and remained dead about four days. Relatives were summoned and funeral arrangements made. They did not suit Tady and he bucked up and came from under. Collins was working in Tady's Clinton store and hearing the news sold some of the fixtures. Tady will attempt to recover the price of these trimmings."

Four Burned to Death.

Four inmates of the Lynn home in Massachusetts for aged women were burned to death in an accidental fire Monday which destroyed the building. The aged women were bedridden by age or ailments.