

## SMITHFIELD TO HAVE EXCLUSIVE SHOE STORE

The Peoples Shoe Store to Open for Business Sometime Before Easter—Complete Line of Shoes for All To Be Carried—Store to Be Managed by R. L. Vaughn, an Expert Shoe Man.

Smithfield is soon to have an up-to-date and exclusive shoe store. The store on Market street near the Court House Square which was formerly occupied by Mr. Gregory as a Five and Ten Cent Store, has been remodelled and fitted up for this purpose. It is to be called "The Peoples Shoe Store" and is to be under the management of Mr. R. L. Vaughn, an expert shoe man of eleven years experience. Mr. Vaughn is a native of Winston-Salem but came here from Covington, Va., where he was in the shoe business for several years.

The concern will carry a complete line of shoes for men, women and children—baby shoes, dress shoes for all, work shoes for all classes—in fact it is to be an exclusive shoe store which will be able to fit every person, young or old. Shoes will be carried in all styles and widths, with an expert fitter always on the job.

The management announces that they will give every baby born in Johnston county this year its first pair of shoes if its parents will present it at the store when it is ready for shoes. This is an interesting feature and will no doubt attract many a parent to the store during the year. All shoes carried in stock will bear the label of The Peoples Shoe Store. The management had hoped to be open next Monday for business but were unable to get a complete stock in by that time. The opening will be some time before Easter, the date to be announced later.

### Flight Across Pacific Proposed

The United States navy is preparing two giant flying boats for the first flight across the Pacific according to announcement made by the Manufacturer's Aircraft Association. The new boats will be triplanes, each boat having a wing area of about 6,000 feet and carrying a crew of 16 men. Three high compression motors will drive each of the three giant propellers, making it possible to make repairs while in flight. They will have a speed capacity of 85 knots. The route will be from San Francisco to Honolulu; from Honolulu to Wake Island; from Wake Island to Guam; from Guam to Hong Kong—a distance of 7,406 miles.

Although no official announcement has been made by Great Britain, the association claims to have reliable information that the British have begun construction of a similar boat for a trans-Pacific flight. It remains to be seen which nation will fly across the Pacific first.

### LITTLE ARMY PLAN IS LOST.

House Rejects Three Proposals For Economy by Creating Smaller Army—Agrees on 299,000 Men.

Washington, March 10.—Plans of "little army men" to reduce military expenses were rejected today by the house, which approved peace-time establishment of 299,000 enlisted men and 17,820 officers, after rejecting three proposals for a smaller force. The decision, though not final, was reached by a 3 to 1 vote, leading supporters of the army reorganization bill to believe that it virtually settled the peacetime program.

In addition to authorizing a regular army 100,000 stronger than provided by the national defense act of 1916, the house also accepted a lesson of the world war by adopting the principle of permitting the tactical organization of the army to be prescribed by the President instead of by law. Likewise, it approved of making separate corps of the air service, the chemical warfare service, and the finance department, but refused to divorce the transportation and the construction services from the quartermaster department.

J. H. Carter, postmaster at Mt. Airy has tendered his resignation to the postoffice department to take effect June 30. He is surrendering the office to enter upon the practice of law. He expects to locate at Greensboro.

## GENERAL NEWS.

A measure proposed by the city council of Youngstown, Ohio, provides that unmarried men who pay no tax shall be taxed at the rate of 20 cents a month.

Tom Johnson, one of the most noted counterfeiters of the country, has just been released at Leavenworth penitentiary where he has been in confinement for 23 years.

The Omaha, the second steel ship built at Wilmington, has been leased by the Shipping Board to the Green Star Line of New York and will ply between San Francisco and the Orient.

Two hundred thousand dollars worth of jewelry was found intact and undamaged in the safe of the Chamberlain Hotel which was burned Sunday when the safe was unearthed from the bed of ashes Tuesday.

The city of Berlin, Germany, with adjacent districts, is reported by the recent census which began on October 8, 1919, to have a population of 3,801,235. The report shows a considerable decrease in the city proper, amounting to 8 per cent.

Winter wheat acreage for 1920 shows an increase in France and British India and a decrease in Spain and Rumania, in comparison with 1919, the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome reported to the department of agriculture.

A recommendation of its finance committee providing for equalization of the salaries of men and women teachers in the primary and grammar grades and raising the present salary minimum from \$875 to \$1,000 a year has been adopted by the Philadelphia board of education.

America's chief debtors are Great Britain, with \$4,277,000,000; France, \$3,047,974,777 and Italy \$1,721,338,986. Belgium's debt is \$343,445,000, and Russia is charged with \$187,729,750. Rumania, Serbia, Greece, Cuba, Czecho-Slovakia and Liberia are the other countries listed on the books of the treasury.

Senator Overman has been invited by Chairman Warren, of the state democratic committee of North Carolina, to deliver the key-note speech at the state convention at Raleigh April 18, and he has accepted. Senator Overman delivered a similar address before the state convention at Charlotte several years ago, at the time Governor Craig was nominated.

### A Community Cemetery.

Some time ago Pisgah Baptist church purchased a lot adjoining the church lot, containing two acres, or more, which the church proposes to utilize as a cemetery—not for its members alone, but for the entire community.

It is proposed that this shall be incorporated under the laws of North Carolina, so that it will be preserved through all time as a burying place for the people of the community. So much for the action of the church. What follows express the views of the writer.

The family burying ground is passing into disuse. One can have no definite assurance that such places will not, in the course of time, pass into the hands of strangers and his own grave and those of his loved ones will fall into neglect, or desecration. Rev. Lemuel Burkett was one of the pioneer preachers of the great Chowan section of this State and his name is a household word throughout that section. And yet, no one living can definitely identify the spot where his bones repose.

Let the people of the community adopt this as their cemetery, place around it a neat, durable enclosure, erect in it an attractive pavilion and make it as attractive as possible. Here let them bury their dead and plant flowers over their graves, without fear of future desecration. Make this the Mecca of Sunday afternoon visits where, with subdued reverence, they may commune with their most sacred memories, and come into touch with God.

R. L. GAY.

### Another Still from Same Blockaders.

On last Tuesday Sheriff W. J. Massey and Mr. J. D. Stephenson captured another blockade still from the blockaders who lost one by capture last week. This was on the Roger Smith farm in Boon Hill township. It was a copper still and they got the cap and worm and six barrels of beer and some jugs and measures. There were four negroes at the still when they got in sight of the place.

## BURNED TO DEATH AT COUNTY HOME

We learned yesterday that G. M. Pilkinton, an inmate of the County Home was burned to death near noon Tuesday. It is not known how the distressing accident occurred since no one witnessed it. At eleven o'clock he was seen dressed and sitting by the fire in the men's building. About noon smoke was seen coming from the building and some of the people rushed in and found Pilkinton dead sitting by one of the beds which was burning. His clothes were partly burned from him. Some think he struck a match to light his pipe and set himself on fire in some way, and then rushed to the bedside. It appeared that he had tried to take off his sweater and shirt and it is thought that he may have been smothered and could do no more. His face and breast were badly burned. The people were busy around nearby in the yard and no one heard any outcry. The fire was extinguished with no other loss than the burning of the bed. It was not the bed in which Pilkinton slept. Pilkinton had been an inmate of the home for a year or more.

### FAMILY LOSES TWO CHILDREN.

Meadow Home Sorely Stricken On Account of the Influenza.

Mr. J. Mang Wood, of Meadow township, was in to see us Wednesday. Mr. Wood has just recovered from a case of flu. He and his wife and five children all had it at about the same time and two of his children died. The first death occurred on February 28 when his baby, Joseph Hooper, aged eleven months, died with influenza and complications. On March 5 James Sherrill, age four died after an illness of less than a week of influenza and pneumonia.

The family had a hard time, the father and mother both being sick at the same time and help being difficult to secure. Miss Pope, a trained nurse of Smithfield, was secured early last week and assisted the stricken family until they had all about recovered from the flu.

Mr. Wood was taken with typhoid fever on December 18 and remained in bed for six weeks, and had been up only a few days when he was taken with the influenza.

### THE FARMER AND HIS TABLE.

Governor Bickett of North Carolina sums up the situation for cotton farmers in this bit of homely advice to make their own "hog and hominy" this year regardless of what they do to stabilize cotton prices.

To fail to raise their own bread and meat would be a criminal blunder in the opinion of the North Carolina Chief Executive, who in a letter to President Wannamaker of the American Cotton Association, suggests that Mr. Wannamaker could render a great service to the Southern farmers by driving this truth home to them.

The Governor's idea is the right one. Unless the farmer provides his own supplies, he will not be in a position to have much to say about the price at which he sells his cotton. Resolutions by organizations, denunciations, and even good warehouses in which to hold cotton will not get the farmer very far who doesn't have the basis of his living already provided for.

Holding cotton in warehouses for slow marketing is a good policy for the farmer. But it is also a form of speculation. His only safety, therefore, lies in making his own "hog and hominy" which assures him of food no matter what happens to the cotton market. If he has his food supply provided, as Governor Bickett says, he can hold his cotton indefinitely.

It is never wise for any man, farmer or otherwise, to involve his living in speculation.—The Houston Post.

### Budget for Interchurch Work.

The Interchurch World Movement drive which is scheduled for the period from April 25 to May has set the goal at \$336,777,572. This is to be divided as follows: Foreign missions, \$107,661,448; home missions, \$109,949,037; American education, \$78,837,431; American religious education, \$5,931,925; American hospitals and homes, \$5,116,465; American ministerial pensions and relief, \$20,510,299; miscellaneous, \$8,770,927.

## NEWS FROM OVER THE STATE TOLD IN BRIEF

Two women are now on Wilmington School Committees. Mrs. Robert Ruark is the second one elected, Mrs. J. A. Sullivan having been elected before.

### Oxford Post Office Robbed.

Bold robbers entered the post office at Oxford early Tuesday morning, blew open the safe and secured war savings stamps to the amount of \$10,000, about \$5,000 worth of postage stamps and \$75 in cash. The safe crackers made their escape.

### Durham Child Burned to Death.

Little Frederick Ryal, an eight year old boy, of Durham, was fatally burned Sunday morning, his night clothes catching from an open fire place. There was no one in the room at the time. It was thought he inhaled flames causing internal injuries.

### Overman and Hoey to Discuss Issues

At the Democratic State Convention which will meet in Raleigh on April 8, Senator Lee S. Overman will deliver the keynote address on National issues, while Representative Clyde Hoey will discuss state issues. The selection of two keynote speakers is a departure from the usual custom.

### Fall From Motorcycle Fatal.

The fifteen year old son of John S. Michaux, of Greensboro, died Wednesday from injuries sustained when he fell from a motorcycle which was driven by a member of the fire department. The motorcycle struck a tree when a turn at a corner was made, throwing the boy to the ground with great force.

### Sanford Hotel Burns

The only hotel in Sanford was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon, the fire starting in the attic and burning rapidly to the ground. The hotel property was valued at about \$20,000 partially covered by insurance. Furniture on the first and second floors was saved but nothing on the third. The hotel will be rebuilt as soon as practicable.

### Refuses to Send Child to School.

C. L. Sauls, a deep-well-digger of Wilson, has been indicted for keeping his twelve year old daughter out of school and allowing her to work in a store on his premises. The welfare worker caused the first indictment because of the compulsory school law. Prof. C. L. Coon has sworn out a warrant on the grounds of violation of the child labor law.

### Drydock for Wilmington

Plans are underway and unless investigations which are now being made prove the project unwarranted, will be executed to the effect that Wilmington will have the biggest drydock in the South Atlantic district. The plans call for a concrete drydock capable of handling ships up to 7,500 dead weight tons, the total cost of the plant will be in the neighborhood of one million dollars.

### Advise Higher Pay for Teachers.

The Ladies Advisory Committee of Wilmington through its chairman, Mrs. Robert Ruark, has recommended to the Board of Education that white graded school teachers in the city receive as a minimum salary \$1,200 per year, and requiring all persons employed as teachers to have a collegiate education, supplemented by three years experience, or without collegiate education, five years experience.

### Infant Left on Porch.

On the porch of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Bowling, of Durham Tuesday night was left a basket containing a pretty girl baby, dressed in fine clothing and the pink of neatness. A short time after the baby was found a telephone call inquired if the present on the porch had been found. An affirmative answer cut off the conversation and the incident was closed. Dr. and Mrs. Bowling having no daughter, decided to adopt it.

## CLAYTON ITEMS.

Clayton, March 10.—Mr. B. L. Hall of New York left yesterday after a visit here to his mother, Mrs. J. F. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Wallace spent last Sunday in Selma.

Mrs. L. M. Edgerton of Princeton was here Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. J. A. Vinson is out again after a serious attack of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barbour are spending this week in New York and other northern points. Mr. Barbour will buy the spring line of goods for J. G. Barbour & Sons.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Poole, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smith and family of Selma spent Sunday afternoon here.

The condition of Mr. Leamon Barnes, who is ill with influenza is reported better.

Misses Genie Thomas and Eloise Turley of Meredith College spent the week end here with parents.

Miss Alma Hall spent yesterday in Raleigh.

Mr. James Hall of South Carolina was here for the week end.

Mr. Bennette Nooe, Jr., of Fayetteville, spent Sunday here.

Miss Gladys Barbour who has been very ill with influenza-pneumonia in New York for several weeks, came home last Friday. She is getting along nicely and hopes to be out in a few days.

The Graded School opened Monday morning after being closed for four weeks on account of influenza.

Mr. Thurman Smith is back on his job in the office of Horne's store after an attack of influenza.

Miss Bertie Taylor has returned from New York where she went to buy her spring line of millinery.

## HOPEWELL NEWS.

The flu has about died down in our neighborhood as we haven't any new cases.

Miss Lessie McLamb spent the week end at her home near Benson. Miss Bessie Stephenson spent the week end with Miss Callie Lassiter, who is spending a few days at home, from Pine Land school, Salemburg, N. C.

We are glad to have Miss Eula Lassiter back in school after being absent two weeks, on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. R. A. Keen of Four Oaks.

Misses Sallie and Nettie Wright spent Saturday night with Mrs. Walter Langdon of Smithfield en route to their home near Princeton.

We are glad to note that Mrs. D. U. Thompson is improving after a few days illness.

Miss Inez Stephenson who has a position with Byrd Drug Co. in Smithfield, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Stephenson.

Miss Neta Toler entertained a number of her friends Saturday night on her eighteenth birthday. She furnished music on the piano and victrola while others were playing rook. About 9:30 they were led to the dining room where pineapple and cake were served. The guests departed about 10:30 declaring Miss Toler a most charming hostess.

A very sad accident occurred at the county home yesterday, when one of the inmates was burned to death. The writer hasn't learned the particulars of the death yet.

The Hopewell Community Club met Thursday night March 4, where an interesting program was rendered by the members. We had a very large attendance and will meet again Thursday night March 18.

Miss Pauline Thompson spent last Sunday with Miss Lizzie Stephenson near Smithfield.

## EVANGELINE.

### Ohio Hospital Burned.

When one cottage and the dancing pavilion at the Ohio hospital for epileptics at Gallipolis was burned Tuesday, eight persons were suffocated and two more are expected to die. The dead and injured were patients at the hospital, there being 25 patients in all.

### Baby Swallows Peanut Hull.

The nine-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Walters, of Oakboro, died Wednesday as the result of swallowing a peanut hull which lodged in its windpipe. Physicians worked hard to extricate the obstacle but without avail. Pneumonia soon developed and the child died.

## NEW SITE PURCHASED FOR FAIR GROUNDS

The Brenizer Property on the Selma Road Just Beyond the Ivanhoe Cotton Mill Secured by the Johnston County Agricultural Society—Plan Big Things for Fair.

The Johnston County Agricultural Society is planning to have a fair ground in Johnston some of these days that will be one of the best in the State. Some time ago the stockholders of the society met and appointed a committee to select and purchase a fair ground site that will be suitable and adequate for a county fair of the first order.

A visit to Washington by Judge Brooks and Dr. R. J. Noble of Selma to see Mrs. Nell Brenizer in regard to buying her tract of land between Smithfield and Selma, resulted favorably. Several days ago the Executive Committee of the Agricultural Society met and confirmed the purchase of the above named land. This is a nice tract of about 100 acres of good land. It is a nice place to build a race track and also to have plenty of room for the fairgrounds and buildings.

The plans for future fairs are not all complete yet and the fair for next fall will probably be held at the old location.

### Hoover Makes a Statement.

Mr. Hoover says: "First—I am an independent progressive in the issues before us today. I think that at this time the issues before the country transcend partisanship. It is well known that I was a progressive Republican before the war, and, I think, rightly, a non-partisan during my war service. The issues confronting us are new and the alignment upon them has not yet been made by the great parties. I still object as much to the reactionary group in the Republican party as I do to the radical group in the Democratic party.

"Second—I am not seeking public office and, consulting my own personal inclination, I do not want public office. I cannot prevent any citizen, or group of citizens, from agitating that I should take public office, but I cannot conscientiously participate in any organization to that end. I belong to a group, which thinks that the American people should select their own officials at their own initiative and volition and that resent the manufacture of officials by machine methods."

"I am not a straddler on any issue. I spend most of my time agitating for issues that I believe in. It is the privilege of all of us to hold our own views, and it is our duty to express them when called upon to do so. But no man can be so arrogant as to assume that he can dictate the issues to the American people or to the great parties they support."

### Interchurch Survey in Durham County

From an article in the Charlotte Observer concerning the work of the Interchurch Movement in this State we gather that the survey has been completed in Durham county by Mr. B. O. Landis. We quote:

"This survey shows that there are 37 churches in the rural communities, but only two resident ministers in the whole county—that is, two ministers who live in the district in which they preach. This applies, of course, to the rural sections of this wealthy county. One-third of the churches of this county show only a very small increase in memberships in the past 10 years. Of the 37 churches in the rural communities of the county, not more than 30 have service more than once a month."

The survey is under way in 39 counties.

### Million Dollar Hotel at Winston.

A contract has been let for a million dollar hotel for Winston-Salem. A Chicago Company will build the hotel which will be operated by a Cleveland, Ohio, man.

### Woman Suggested National Delegate

A suggestion which seems to meet with general approval has been made that Mrs. Palmer Jermon, of Raleigh be given a place on the delegation from North Carolina to San Francisco.