

The Smithfield Herald

JOHNSTON COUNTY PLANS FOR A NEW COURTHOUSE.

Structure, Costing \$500,000, Will Be One Of the Most Handsome Of Its Kind in the State.

Harry Barton, local architect, has sent out to a number of contractors in the state plans for the new Johnston county courthouse, which is to be erected at Smithfield, and will cost approximately \$500,000. Bids from the contractors will be received by Mr. Barton October 25. It is thought that the work may begin immediately after the contractor has been selected. The old courthouse is to be razed at an early date.

Mr. Barton said the Johnston county building, which is to be four stories high, will be one of the handsomest county structures in the state. It is to be modern in every respect, fire proof, electric lights and running water. The interior will be finished in marble wainscoting and ornamental plaster. The exterior will be composed of Indiana limestone and granite.

The first floor will be occupied by county officials and for recording of deeds. The second will be made into a large courtroom, with adjoining room for witnesses, lawyers and other court officials. The third story will also be used by county officials and the fourth one is to contain the jail.

The main entrance will be of loggia while the two side entrances will be of portico. The building will be located in a square in the heart of the town of Smithfield.

Johnston if one of North Carolina's most prosperous counties and as stated by Mr. Barton, the building is being planned to take care of the growth of the county for a number of years to come.—Greensboro News.

Who Must Register?

All persons not previously registered, and who expect to vote in the coming election, must register. "Previously registered" means in the precinct in which the voter expects to cast his vote. If he has moved since he last voted, he will have to register again.

Female voters are subject to the same qualifications as are male voters, except that they are not required to pay poll tax this year. She must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of North Carolina for two years, and of the county one year, and of the precinct in which she expects to vote for four months.

Female voters are not required to tell their age. They may assure the registrar that they are beyond 21 years of age. It has become the custom of most registrars to register women with their full names as "Mrs. Sallie Jones Smith," instead of "Mrs. J. W. Smith."

"At the coming election six boxes will be provided in which the following ballots will be deposited: (1) State officers, including United States Senator; (2) member of Congress; (3) Presidential electors; (4) members of these general assembly and county officers; (5) township constable and justice of the peace, and (6) unconstitutional amendments.

"Under the absentee voters law, any person duly registered who may be absent from the county or physically unable to go to the polls for the purpose of voting in person, which fact shall be made to appear by the certificate of a physician or by affidavit, shall be allowed to register and vote upon application to the chairman of the county board of elections, who will furnish the voter ballots and blank certificate necessary for voting.—H. M. London in Hamlet News.

Prices Long Ago.

Mr. William B. Eason, who merchandises at the Smithfield Cotton Mills, says that one year while he farmed in Wilson county he sold most of his cotton at four cents per pound and cotton seed at ten cents per bushel. He had some tobacco which brought him from one to twenty cents per pound and helped out greatly. The following winter he moved back to Johnston to the Ed Moon place near Selma. Before moving he sold his best corn for seventy cents per bushel. Mr. Moon who was leaving the county had a sale at which Mr. Eason bought fodder at sixty cents per hundred and corn at from thirty cents to fifty cents per bushel. The corn was sold in five barrel lots and some of it went a low as thirty cents per bushel.

MOVED INTO NEW QUARTERS.

Sanders—Cunningham and Ward in Their New Building Just Completed on Johnston Street.

This enterprising wholesale grocery firm is now occupying the handsome brick store, recently erected by Mr. H. C. Woodall, on Johnston st. The building is 100 feet long by 70 wide and two stories high. The front is of pressed brick and the structure is an ornament to that section of town. Mr. Lasley the genial manager, met our reporter, and showed him over the large establishment.

A cement driveway extends the entire length of the house, and on either side, separate compartments, under lock and key, contain the many different varieties of stock which the firm carries. The heaviest truck can thus be driven in and loaded, without the necessity of carrying the goods more than a few feet.

The sample room in front will soon be completed and this will be a great convenience to customers. It will contain a sample of every article in stock, so that the purchaser can sit in a warm comfortable room, and make his selections, without the trouble of going over the large building.

Miss Cherry Gurley with her shorthand book and typewriter seemed thoroughly at home in her pretty paneled office. A heavy truck-load of groceries rolled out ahead of the reporter and Miss Gurley remarked that that was not an unusual occurrence, that their sales are constantly increasing.

Such an establishment as the Sanders-Cunningham-Ward Co., is a great asset to the business value of the Smithfield market, and under the competent management of its wide awake proprietors is sure to be a great convenience to its customers throughout the country.

A Good Woman At Rest

Last Sunday morning at 1:30 o'clock, the white winged angel of Death came to the home of Mr. B. M. Stephenson and took from him his loving wife. She was sick with a cancer for over a year. On May 20 she was operated on at Rex Hospital, Raleigh, and for a time she seemed to improve, but sometime in July she began to grow worse and gradually weakened until the end. On Thursday before her death she gave birth to a baby boy but the child did not live, and together with his mother was laid to rest in the family burying ground near the home.

She made her stay on earth 45 years, 4 months and 17 days. She leaves a husband and eleven children, five boys and six girls to mourn their loss.

She was a friend to all who knew her and was always ready to lend a helping hand. We have no doubt but what she now has a home in Heaven.

H. S. Benson, N. C., October 5, 1920.

Paul Wasn't a Married Man

The apostle Paul urged women to obey their husbands. And any man will bet you that Paul wasn't married.—Carolina Mountainer.

Woman To Introduce Mr. Daniels

Mrs. W. J. Jones, head of the Pine-land School for girls, has been selected to introduce Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels, who is the chief speaker at the Dunn Fair on Oct. 13th.

Who's Got Cockroaches For Sale?

A physician in Pittsburgh advertises for live cockroaches to be shipped to him. He offers five cents apiece for them. He has a theory that a roach, if eaten by a rat, will cause a tumor to develop in the stomach of the rat, and eventually kill it. He intends to ship his roaches to certain districts of France which are infested with rats, and by this novel method he hopes to rid the country of them.

Deputy Shot to Save Sheriff

James Brim, a white farmer in Rockingham county, was fatally shot by Deputy Sheriff Brown, who by his timely shot saved the life of Sheriff Gardner. Brim had been on a drunken spree and had made murderous threats.

105,683,108 PEOPLE IN U. STATES.

These Figures Do Not Include Outlying Possessions. Shows Increase 13,710,812 or 14.9 per cent

Washington, Oct. 7.—The total population of continental United States is 105,683,108, an increase of 13,710,812 or 14.9 per cent.

This figure does not include approximately 12,250,000 people living in the country's outlying possessions. The population of Alaska and the total classed under the military and naval service abroad are yet to be announced.

With the outlying possessions, the United States in 1910 had a population of 101,115,487. These possessions included Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico, the Philippine Islands, the Panama Canal Zone, Guam and Samoa and the total of persons in the military and naval service abroad was added. This year the population of the Virgin Islands of the United States, acquired from Denmark is included.

The growth of the country's population, exclusive of the outlying possessions, is set forth briefly in the following table:

Year.	Population	Increase	Pct.
1920	105,683,008	13,710,845	14.9
1910	91,972,266	15,977,692	21.0
1900	75,994,575	13,046,861	20.7
1890	62,947,714	12,791,931	25.5
1880	50,155,783	11,597,412	30.1
1870	38,558,371	7,115,050	22.6
1860	31,443,321	8,251,445	35.6
1850	23,191,876	6,122,423	35.9
1840	17,069,453	4,203,433	32.7
1830	12,866,020	3,227,567	33.5
1820	9,338,453	2,398,572	33.1
1810	7,239,881	1,931,398	36.4
1800	5,308,483	1,379,269	35.1
1790	3,929,214		

Woman's Club Notes

The following ladies joined the club at the meeting last Wednesday. Miss Alice Lindsey, Mrs. W. H. Lyon, Mrs. W. D. Avera, Mrs. Clement Byrd, Mrs. T. C. Jordan, Mrs. Ina Aycock, Mrs. E. I. Pool, Mrs. C. V. Tyner, Mrs. W. S. Ragsdale and Mrs. H. H. Radford. The books have come for the Literature course this winter. The subject of the course is "Our Heritage," and promises to be quite interesting.

The following officers were elected to fill vacancies: Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Kirkman; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. P. H. Kasey; and Chairman of the Music Department, Miss Bettie Watson.

The matter of side shows at the Fair here last year was brought before the club. After due discussion, it was agreed that the type which showed last year were undesirable and the club voted a protest against such a midway again.

The Citizenship part of the program was in the hands of Mrs. S. T. Honeycutt and Mrs. H. W. Baucum. Papers were read on "The Choice and Election of a President and Vice-President" and on "The Powers and Duties of President."

40 Billion Dollars in Insurance

The Bureau of War Risk Insurance has been put upon a peace basis and more than half of the employees have been suspended. The amount of insurance taken out amounts to 40 billion dollars. 1 billion, 100 million dollars have been paid out for death claims and nearly 30 million dollars for disabilities.

Never Talks to Interviewers

Elihu Root never talks to interviewers, and he will not say anything about his international Court. But there is no secret about it. The act for its creation and operation has been published. Its charter is in the covenant of the League of Nations, which most of Mr. Root's party associates repudiate. It is one more achievement of Mr. Wilson for preserving the peace of the world and preventing predatory nations from indulging their appetites.—Philadelphia Record.

College Girls Pick Cotton

Flora McDonald College girls at Red Springs have put on a cotton picking campaign on the farm of L. J. Bright. Two teams have been formed and the race begun. They hope to receive for their services as much as \$500.

LARGE ENROLLMENT OF SCHOOL

Fifty More Than Last Year This Time No Money in Treasury to Pay Teachers. Situation Critical

The enrollment in the Turlington Graded School has passed the 540 mark. Last year at the beginning of the 2nd month the 500 mark was reached. Therefore the enrollment is about 50 ahead of what it was last year at this time.

The first school month ended on October 8th. At that time those children who were not keeping up with their work have been put back a grade. In planning the schedule of recitations this year an effort has been made to arrange each pupil's work so that he will have a recitation and then a study period. This supervised study makes it much easier for the pupils to prepare their work. Of course this arrangement cannot be made in the grades which have to run on double schedule.

The school situation here is almost acute. There is not enough room without having double schedule in a number of grades which denies some pupils the supervised study period. But not only are the pupils undergoing disadvantages, but the teachers will probably have to go without their salary for a couple of months. This is much to be regretted but until the funds can be replenished it seems unavoidable. It is to be hoped that something can be done in the near future to relieve the situation.

Mr. S. H. Hobbs Visits Here

Mr. S. H. Hobbs, of Clinton, Sampson county, was here last week and called to see us. While here he stopped over with his daughter, Mrs. S. J. Kirby. He was on his way to Raleigh to get out papers necessary for the opening of the new cotton storage warehouse at Clinton for Sampson county which has just been completed. The warehouse company bought four acres of land at Clinton for this warehouse. They now have room for four to five thousand bales of cotton. They will be open for business next Wednesday. Mr. Hobbs thinks the law passed by the legislature of 1919 provides the best warehouse working plan of any in the United States.

100 Veterans at Bay!

For one long hour, after the adjournment of the meeting of Hamburg Post, American Legion, at Buffalo, N. Y., a polecat, entrenched in a lower hall, the only exit from their clubroom, held at bay more than 100 veterans of the 18th Infantry, who helped to smash the Hindenburg line, the polecat keeping them prisoners until hastily summoned reinforcements in the person of Hamburg's contingent of State constabulary arrived and with a barrage from his .45-calibre service revolver made "casualty" of the enemy.

Women Voting Not So Bad

A woman who styles herself "a woman of the sticks," writes a cheerful, indeed, an exultant letter on the preparations being made in her locality for election day. "We are even making new dresses," she writes, "to wear to the polls and our men are pressing up their best Sunday suits. I don't know but that we'll carry lunch, take the children and spend the day." We might say for the confirmation of the hopeful, interested view of voting that this sensible woman takes, that Raleigh women have tried out voting (in the school tax election Saturday) and found that there is nothing disagreeable about it. There was no disorder at the polls. No woman was insulted. The presence of the women was as expected made for order and decency.—News and Observer.

Salisbury Women Register

In Salisbury township, 153 women have registered. Of these 145 are white and eight are colored.

Connected With French Premier

The daughter of the new premier of France is the wife of a North Carolinian. Well, the family connection is entirely creditable to the French premier and North Carolinians will hope that he will show himself worthy of it. It's up to the old man not to discredit his daughter's husband.—Statesville Landmark.

MRS. McCULLERS AT TRINITY

Clayton Woman Makes Possible Lectures at Trinity College. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan Speaker

A series of Avera Bible Lectures were delivered last week at Trinity College by Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, a prominent English divine, in which the college community and the citizens of Durham took considerable interest. The attendance was unusual.

Mrs. E. B. McCullers of Clayton, whose philanthropy made possible the foundation of these lectures, was in attendance. She had done a fine work in thus establishing these lectures thereby giving a splendid opportunity to the young men who gather at Trinity College to have a broad vision.

Women Voters of State Meet.

The North Carolina League of Women Voters was formally organized Thursday in Greensboro with over 100 of the state's representative women present. Both Democratic and Republican parties were well represented and in mapping out the League's program every care was taken to make the new organization non-partisan. The platform contains but two main planks—better education for citizenship and more progressive legislation for the state.

The League of Women voters will succeed the old organization, the North Carolina Equal Suffrage Association. The constitution provides for the formation of local league with the county as the unit. Dues are levied at the rate of 50 cents per member. Representation in the State Convention will be in accordance with the paid up membership of the local league. A membership of 25 or less entitles the league to two voting delegates with another delegate for each additional 25.

At the meeting Wednesday, Miss Elizabeth Kelly, of Raleigh, presented the names of the officers for the nominating committee. Miss Gertrude Weil, of Goldsboro being made chairman.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting at Wilmington

The Boys Work Department of the State Committee of the Y. M. C. A. is to conduct an older boys' conference at Wilmington on October 22, 23, and 24th. Many boys are expected to take advantage of this splendid opportunity, and application are now being taken by Mr. Lloyd Ransom, county Y. M. C. A. secretary, who has charge of the registration in this county.

Any boy of good character, above fifteen years of age is eligible and every school club and boys group is invited to send one or more representatives. Free entertainment will be furnished the boys by the good people of Wilmington and the only expense will be railroad fare and one dollar registration fee.

The Conference theme will be "Investing a Life." A fine program is being arranged and will be in charge of prominent speakers and boys workers from all over the country. Mr. Ransom will accompany the Johnston county delegation and see that everything is done for their comfort and pleasure. This conference will mean much to the boys who attend as well as to the school or club they represent.

Enters Johns Hopkins University

Mr. Albert Barnes, Jr., has entered the Johns Hopkins University for postgraduate work in the department of chemistry. He graduated at Trinity College, last June, and was awarded a scholarship by the university of which he is now beginning to take advantage. Mr. Barnes is the son of Rev. A. S. Barnes, Superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh.—N. C. Christian Advocate.

Mr. Barnes lived in Smithfield for four years while his father was pastor of the M. E. Church here and has many friends who will learn of his success with pleasure.

Woman Fought in Civil War

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Niles, who, with close-clipped hair and wearing a uniform, concealed her sex and is said to have fought beside her husband thru the civil war, died at her home at Paritan, N. J. this week at the age of 92. The war call found the couple on their honeymoon.

JOHNSTON IS BANNER FARM COUNTY IN THE STATE.

Leads All Other Counties in North Carolina—Having 7,026 Farms. Dare Has Least Number.

At the same time the census bureau announced the population of the United States. It also published its census of farms by states and counties. Every patriotic Johnstonian's heart thrills with pride that Johnston leads all of the counties of North Carolina as to its farms, the total number of which is 7,026.

In the United States, there are 6,459,998 farms in 1920 as compared with 6,361,502 in 1910 and 5,737,372 twenty years ago.

The farm census does not tabulate the relative ranks of the states as to agriculture but with more than 269,000 farms the Tar Heel state stands well toward the head of the class, just as she stands to the front industrially and in the payment of federal taxes.

Other counties besides Johnston which show a large number of farms include Wake with 6,804; Robeson with 6,564; Sampson with 5,771 and Wayne with 5,030. Dare County is least given to agriculture and has only 77 farms within its borders. New Hanover has a low score having only 323 farms.

Senator Simmons Speaks at Bailey.

Nearly three thousand men and women heard Senator Simmons expound the principles of Democracy at Bailey in Nash county last Thursday. An able discussion of the League of Nations and of the record of the Democratic party was received with enthusiasm. Congressman Pou preceded the senator in an instructive address of fifteen minutes. Both speakers referred to the distressingly low prices of farm products.

In touching on price reduction, both Senator Simmons and Representative Pou blamed unsettled conditions chiefly on the failure of the United States to ratify the peace treaty and enter the League of Nations, thus laying the cause at the door of the Republicans, and the "Senatorial Oligarchy" especially. Congressman Pou asserted that prices did not begin falling until a Republican Congress came into power, and Senator Simmons promised that the election of a Democratic Congress and Governor James M. Cox as president in November would rapidly tend to stabilize conditions.

The Teacher Shortage

The teacher shortage remains a menace to the public schools according to preliminary reports made public recently by the National Education Association. Replies to questionnaires sent out by the Association have come from all sections of the United States. These reports show that in places where teachers' salaries have been increased one hundred per cent or more the situation is nearly always satisfactory. But such places are comparatively few, and in localities where salaries have been increased fifty per cent or less the teacher shortage is commonly greater than a year ago. Rural communities are hardest hit. Signed reports from superintendents of many counties indicate that a third of their rural schools cannot open for want of teachers. Tens of thousands of schools will be in charge of teachers who have had no professional preparation and whose academic training barely exceed that of the children they teach.

Relief from this serious situation, which imperils the stability of American rural life, will be sought from the next session of our Congress. Renewed efforts will be made to obtain the passage of the Smith-Towner bill, which creates a department of education with a secretary in the President's cabinet and provides federal aid of \$100,000,000 for education.

"If Dead, Please Wire"

"Sam, I heard you is dead. If you is, telegram me; if yo ain't, send me \$10."

This is a copy of a telegram received in Greenville, S. C., recently by a negro, John Collins, from another negro living in North Carolina.

Collins, who has about recovered from recent gunshot wounds, said he intends to wire his friend: "I is dead. Your \$10 will be 'plied to a coffin."