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A NEW HARDWARE STORE OPENED UP

The Jones-Cotter Hardware Company Opposite The Citizens National Bank

The Jones-Cotter Hardware Co., formally open its doors to the public this morning. This enterprising firm is composed of Mr. S. B. Jones and Mr. R. O. Cotter, both gentlemen having been long and favorably known in the business life of Smithfield.

The handsome double store is the large building on Market street formerly occupied by the Scotten Motor Co., but it has been renovated and changed until it presents the appearance of a new structure.

The firm will carry a complete line of hardware and building materials, paints and oil, china, glassware and cutlery.

A goodly assortment of heaters, showed that these pleasant Indian summer days, had not made these thoughtful gentlemen forget, that Winter will soon be here.

A show window filled with rifles, guns and all sorts of hunting paraphernalia will remind the hunters that November 1st is just 10 days off.

The entire stock shows careful and discriminating selection, and under the skillful and courteous management of Messrs Jones and Cotter, we believe the new hardware store will be a credit and a convenience to our town.

Engagement Announced

Princeton, Oct. 16.—Thursday afternoon the "Young Peoples Book Club" met with Misses Bessie and Jessie Massey at the home of their sister, Mrs. W. P. Suggs.

There was an unusual feature to the meeting this occasion and quite a number of specially invited guests.

Upon arriving each person was handed a tally-card on which was the picture of a bride and groom and on a table near the door was the miniature wedding party with all the festive decorations. The tables also bore the symbols with a little flower girl holding a huge bouquet and the number of the table.

An atmosphere of mystery prevailed the room while everyone engaged in progressive rook and the wonder of "who is it?" "What's next?" added zest to the game and kept every one in high spirit.

At the close of the game there was a short session of business after which refreshments were served and the mystery was explained. Everybody was served block ice cream and heart shaped cakes and on each plate was a favor which was a tiny little pink basket filled with mints and on the edge of which was perched a gay little butterfly bearing the message all were so eager to know, H. M. F.—A. V. M., December 1920. The wedding march was struck up and congratulations were in order.

Miss Agnes Massey never looked lovelier than when she was being congratulated on securing for a life partner such a fine young man as Mr. Henry Fitzgerald, of Micro.

The happy meeting then adjourned to meet with Mrs. R. P. Mitchell, on Thursday, October 28th.

HON. WALTER MURPHY HERE.

Citizens to Be Addressed at Court House To-Night—Last Call To Register.

Hon. Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, will address the citizens of Smithfield at the Court House tonight (Friday, October 22) at 8 o'clock. Ladies are urgently requested to be present as Mr. Murphy will make a final appeal to all who have not done so to register tomorrow, which will be their last opportunity.

Didn't Want the Blame

The Justice of the Peace—"Do you take this woman to be your lawful wedded wife?" The Bridegroom—"I do." The Justice of the Peace—"The I pronounce you man and wife. And remember, you asked me to do this. Don't ever blame me."—Boston Globe

JOHNSTON LADS OFF FOR WILMINGTON

Thirty-Three to Attend A Conference Under the Auspices Y. M. C. A.

Thirty-three of Johnston County's future leaders are to attend the State Older Boy's Conference to be held in Wilmington to-day, Saturday and Sunday under the auspices of the State Y. M. C. A.

This party of boys is in charge of Mr. Lloyd Ranson, County Y. M. C. A. Secretary and everything will be done for the comfort and pleasure of those who are fortunate enough to be able to attend this conference. The boys will be entertained free in the Christian homes of Wilmington and the three days and nights will be full of special attractions for them.

The Smithfield boys gathered at the Court House at four o'clock this morning and cars took them to Selma in time for the 5:10 train. The party will leave Wilmington on the return trip at 7:45 Monday morning, reaching Smithfield at 3:08 p. m.

The following boys are in the party:

Marvin Woodall
Leland Parrish
Moses Godwin
Hugh Fuller
Thel Hooks
Joe Ellington
Donnell Wharton
Benton Wharton
Delma Brown
Morgan Broadhurst
Russell Ranson
Lloyd Ranson, of Smithfield.
George E. Woodard, Jr.
Weverly F. Young
Fred Harrison
Prof. W. C. Douglass, of Princeton.
James Bandy
Hoyt Massengill
Carl Lewis
Alton Hecaday
Venton Moore
Hugh Wellons
Clarence Stanley
Kermit Paschal
Thomas Massater, of Four Oaks.
Marvin Blackman
Albert Eason
Tom Fulghum
Harrie Stancill, of Selma.
Jack Hooks
Lemuel Phillips
Balbus Leeson
Carl Hales, of Kenly.

And there were about six boys from Clayton, whose names we were unable to learn.

PLEASANT CHAPEL ITEMS

Miss Mamie Sue Jones spent a few hours here last Wednesday with Mrs. Sam Eason. We like to have Miss Jones visit our section because she is always helping us to economize in our homes and to solve our home problems.

Mr. Walter Narron, of Antioch, spent last week-end with Mr. Robert Narron.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Price a thirteen pound girl—Mary Esther. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Eason spent Sunday with Mrs. Beady Avera near Selma.

Mr. Joe Broadwell spent awhile in our section last week. We were glad to have him back after having been left us for quite a time.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Kirby spent Sunday at their old home near Pine Level.

A Republican speaking was held at Pleasant Chapel school house Tuesday night, October 19th. We are always glad to have good people come to see us and instruct us, but we hate to hear good work denounced. We think the golden rule of, "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you", is a thing of the past. We think it is time to invoke Divine guidance that we be guided aright to do the things that are beneficial to God, to man and to our Country. October 21, 1920.

A Cruel Wifey

Poet (joyously)—"I wrote a sonnet on my cuff last night. What shall I do with it?" Wife (unsympathetically)—"Send it to the laundry."—Houston Post.

THE NEWS FROM THE TOWN OF BENSON

Rally Day Observed at the Methodist Church—Personal Items

Misses Mary Jackson and Ruby Hobbs, of Peace Institute, spent the week-end here with their parents.

Messrs J. R. Barbour and W. H. Royal attended the banquet in Smithfield Saturday night, given by Mr. F. K. Broadhurst in honor of Lieut. Gov. O. Max Gardner.

Mesdames W. T. Martin, E. M. Hall, C. C. Wheeler, C. C. Canaday, and M. A. Peacock attended the speaking by Mrs. Palmer Jerman at Smithfield Monday afternoon.

Born, Monday, October 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McDaniel, a fine son.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barbour spent Sunday in Laurinburg with Mrs. Barbour's siser, Mrs. Roland Covington. The many friends of Mrs. W. H. Royal will be glad to learn that she will soon be out again after being confined to her bed for several weeks with a broken leg.

Quite a number of our citizens attended the State Fair this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall attended the funeral of Miss Pauline Blalock who died at her home near Dunn after a long illness. Miss Blalock was well known in Benson and her death caused sadness to many friends in this community.

Rally Day was observed Sunday morning at the Methodist church at the regular Sunday School hour. The exercises were very impressive and were well attended.

Mr. R. L. Jernigan went to New York Saturday to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Britt spent Sunday in Clinton, bringing Mrs. Britt's father, Mr. Giddens back with them.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Canaday, spent Sunday in Four Oaks with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Canaday.

O. Max Gardner spoke to several hundred people Sat., afternoon. His interpretation of the League of Nations was attentively listened to, as was also the speech by Hon. E. W. Pou, who introduced him. The addresses of both gentlemen were strong arguments for the league and appealed to the many woman voters who listened to them.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. I. P. Roberts Tuesday evening. Plans for the Christmas Bazaar were discussed. Motion was made and carried that a box of clothes be sent by the Society next week to the people of Poland for whom urgent appeals are now being made. After all business was disposed of the guests were invited to the dining room where delicious chicken salad sandwiches and coffee were served, after which a social hour was thoroughly enjoyed.

About one hundred and fifty members and friends of the Baptist church gathered in the basement of that church on Tuesday evening and enjoyed a kind of Get-To-Gether meeting. Numerous games were played by the younger ones, short talks made by several ladies and gentlemen and after light refreshments were served by the Social Committee an old time Spelling Match was enjoyed in which the ladies badly beat the men participating. Mr. J. B. Benton was the last one they conquered.

Mrs. Charles Johnson was hostess to the members of the Entre Nous Club at her home Thursday afternoon, October 14th. After the business of the club was transacted, Mrs. E. M. Hall and Mrs. F. L. Wells gave several charming musical selections and Mrs. W. T. Martin gave an interesting reading. The hostess assisted by her daughter served a delicious salad course. Guests besides the club members were Mesdames E. M. Hall, M. T. Eritt, and I. P. Roberts. Benson, N. C., Oct. 20, 1920.

Death of a Little Girl

We sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Creech, of Boon Hill township in the death of their little two years old daughter, Hazel Bryant, which occurred at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, October 19th. She had been ill about ten days. The funeral was preached by Rev. Mr. Farrar, pastor of Stevens Chapel Methodist Church. The burial took place Wednesday at 11 o'clock in Oakland cemetery at Smithfield.

NEWS ITEMS FROM CAPITAL OF BEULAH

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Watson Celebrate Marriage Their Marriage Anniversary

Kenly, Oct. 20.—Mrs. T. C. Bailey has returned home after spending sometime in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Edgerton and little daughter, Miriam, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. High, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Broughton and son, Master John Sutton, spent Sunday in Spring Hope.

Those attending Miss Cora Adams' marriage in Linden Tuesday were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Darden, Miss Mildred Darden, Mrs. J. W. Hollowell, Mrs. H. M. Gizzard, Mrs. Ross D. Edgerton and Mrs. H. F. Edgerton.

Rev. J. E. Holding, Mr. L. F. Peele, Mrs. J. J. High and Mrs. H. F. Edgerton spent yesterday in Raleigh.

Several of the town people are attending the State Fair at Raleigh this week.

Miss Adna Lee Bailey left for Wilson Monday to enter school at the Atlantic Christian College.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hamilton of Raleigh, were visitors in town Sunday.

Friends of Mrs. R. A. Hales, who has been sick are glad to know that she is improving.

Mrs. J. C. Adams spent the week-end here with her sister, Mrs. R. A. Hales.

Mrs. J. T. Watson underwent an operation Tuesday afternoon. She is doing nicely.

Mrs. Willa Summerlin of Wilson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lester Watson.

Mrs. W. H. Hardison, of Enfield spent Monday here with her mother-in-law, Mrs. A. H. Hardison.

Mr. Jesse M. Watson, of Wilson, was a visitor in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Joyner, of Rocky Mount spent Sunday in town the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Tiner.

Mrs. K. D. Morgan spent Monday in Wilson with friends.

Mr. Luther Etheridge spent Friday in Raleigh on business.

Mrs. Willard Griffin, of Spring Hope, has been spending several days here with her aunt, Mrs. W. T. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Crawford and Mrs. B. C. Crawford, of Pikeville, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Etheridge last Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Stallings returned to her home in Wilson Monday after spending sometime here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bailey.

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Stevens, of Four Oaks, were in town with friends Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Watson celebrated the first anniversary of their marriage Friday night, October 15th, at a dinner party. Those present at the dinner were, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Finch, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Merritt, Mrs. Willa Summerlin and Rev. Mr. Butler, of Wilson; Mrs. John Watson, of Luccama and Miss Nell Hardison. Mr. and Mrs. Watson received many useful gifts.

Services will be conducted at the First Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. C. E. Stevens Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, also in the afternoon at 7 o'clock.

Mr. James Kirby, of Dunn, spent Sunday in town with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Kirby.

At Smithfield Memorial

Tuesday, Mrs. J. D. Strickland, of Wilson's Mills, was brought to the Smithfield Memorial Hospital, where a serious operation was performed Dr. H. C. Dixon, of Siler City, who has recently returned from Bellevue Hospital, New York, where he was interne for two years, and Dr. C. V. Tyner, of this city, who took training at the same hospital performed the operation. The patient at last report was getting on all right.

Despite the fact that the hospital has not formally been opened, there are at present six patients there. An effort is being made to secure a competent corps of nurses, and several are expected by November 1st.

SENATOR HARDING BLUNDERS AGAIN

Says French Spokesmen Want An Association Of Nations.

Senator Harding stated in a speech at Greencastle, Ind., Saturday, according to a dispatch to the New York Times, that "France had sent her spokesmen to him informally," asking that he lead the way for an Association of Nations. President Wilson, at once asked him, by wire, for an explanation. Of course it would have been contrary to international law, for France, or any other nation, to make such a request, except through the Department of State or the President. Again, France is already a member of the League of Nations and Article XX. of the covenant of the League says that its members "solemnly undertake that they will not hereafter enter into any engagements inconsistent with the terms" of the covenant. If the statement attributed to the Senator were accurate, France would be convicted of international treachery.

In reply to the President's inquiry, the candidate used the time-honored dodge familiar to all insincere speakers—He blamed it all on the stenographer—he had been incorrectly reported. He goes on to state the "thought he was trying to convey," but he does not attempt to repeat the words he said.

Knowing as much of short hand as we do, we side with the stenographer. It is a simple matter to take down exactly what a speaker says, word for word, and the ethics of the profession would forbid a reporter to alter the meaning of a speech. We believe Senator Harding spoke the exact words attributed to him, but he uses the English language without nice discrimination, and he doubtless failed to realize the gravity of his assertion.

The incident is only another proof of Senator Harding's ignorance, and total unfitness for the Presidency. Chairman George White says that if the Republicans would keep their candidate on the stump, the country would go Democratic by a landslide. But the Republicans are wise campaign managers. They have sent him back to his front porch.

A Republican Speech.

Mr. McKinley Pritchard, a young lawyer of Asheville, made a creditable Republican speech at the court house Tuesday night, to a good sized audience composed largely of Democratic men and women. His speech, as he promised at the beginning, was an appeal to reason, and although it showed traces of recent college debates, was fairly well made. Only once, in his treatment of the Revaluation Act, did he play upon bad feeling and prejudice.

Mr. Pritchard is a son of Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, of the United States Circuit Court, and is a graduate of Wake Forest College. We are reliably informed that the immediate result of Mr. Pritchard's speech was that three prominent local Republicans, after hearing it, declared at once, that they will vote a straight Democratic ticket November 2nd.

Luxembourg's Envoy Recognized

With the presentation of the credentials of Baron de Waha to the State Department Wednesday as the charge D'Affairs of Luxembourg, the little duchy established its first diplomatic representative in the United States.

This little independent principality of a quarter of a million inhabitants, lies between France and Germany, and was over-run by the Germans, at the time of the Belgian occupation, in 1914. The government of Luxembourg offered no resistance deeming its army of 250 (all engaged in police duty) no match for the German hordes. The present sovereign Grand-duchess is a young woman, a little over 20, and is said to be beloved by her subjects.

ATHLETICS-TAKING FIRST PLACE NOW

High School Pupils Form Athletic Association—First Game With Dunn

The basket ball season is at hand and the boys of the Smithfield High School, including the eighth grade, have organized into an athletic association. There was a most successful year in athletics last year. Every boy in the entire high school became a member of the organization and so was entitled to the use of the basket ball courts and balls, base ball diamond, volley ball court and ball and tennis court. It is the endeavor of the officers this year to enroll every boy as a member. The fee for all is one dollar with an additional one dollar fee for those trying for the junior or senior teams. However, the fee is not what the officers are driving at. It is the opportunity of getting every one interested and by so doing secure the necessary funds to buy the equipment so that each boy will have a chance to enjoy some sport.

If all will co-operate with the officers there will be a great improvement in the school athletics. So boys, let's pull together and do things.

The girls have also formed an organization and ordered a ball. If their teams will only live up to their past record they will be going some.

Those trying for the junior basket ball team met Tuesday. Frank Skinner and Donnell Wharton were elected captain and manager respectively. The team ordered a basket ball and several members ordered suits. They expect to start the basket ball season about the middle of November.

The senior team expects to do its share in upholding the school record and show the girls that they are not the only players. The officers of the senior team were elected Monday as follows: Joe Ellington, manager; Benton Wharton, captain. They expect to play their first game with Dunn on November 5th. All they need is plenty of practice.

REP.

Cape Fear Conference To Meet

The annual session of Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Conference will be held at Johnson Union Freewill Baptist church four miles west of Smithfield on the Central Highway road, leading to Raleigh. The conference begins on Friday before the first Sunday in November. Wilson's Mills the nearest railroad station is three miles from the church.

A splendid new church building was erected there recently. This is a good neighborhood and the people are looking forward to a pleasant and profitable session of the conference. The Freewill Baptists have grown to be a strong people in this county and their annual meeting means much for their advancement.

Democratic Speaking at Four Oaks.

Wednesday night Congressman E. W. Pou and Candidates W. T. Adams, and J. A. Keene, addressed an audience of about 500 persons. Mr. Pou presented the League of Nations at Four Oaks in a forceful manner and Messrs Adams and Keene explained the tax system, and county issues. The three speeches were well received.

After the speaking the Democratic men and women remained over and nominated Messrs W. N. Stewart, G. K. Massengill and J. W. Sanders, for Road Commissioners to take over the road fund which has been made bankrupt by the Republican rule.

In Honor of O. Max Gardner

Mr. F. K. Broadhurst gave an elegant supper at his home Saturday night, in honor of Hon. O. Max Gardner, who made an address at the court house that evening. The menu included all those dietary specialties, most dear to the masculine palate, and was served with the easy elegance, which is characteristic of Mr. Broadhurst's home. Those present were Messrs C. A. Creech, S. T. Honeycutt, Geo. R. Pou, Howard Gray, Wade H. Royall, of Benson, J. R. Barbour, of Benson, W. N. Holt, J. D. Underwood, J. J. Broadhurst and F. K. Broadhurst.