

# The Smithfield Herald

VOLUME 40

SMITHFIELD, N. C., TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1921

NUMBER 33

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR M. T. PARRISH

### He Was the First Johnston County Soldier to Fall in the World War

Probably a thousand persons assembled here Sunday afternoon to pay a last tribute to the memory of Milliard T. Parrish, son of Mr. George Parrish, who was the first Johnston County boy to make the supreme sacrifice in the World War.

The memorial services were conducted at 3:30 o'clock in the Baptist church by Rev. H. W. Baucom, assisted by Rev. W. F. Powell, of Asheville, who is assisting in the revival here.

It was an impressive scene as the flag draped casket was carried into the church borne by some of his comrades in khaki. A beautiful tribute was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Powell who told of the part our soldiers took in the great world conflict.

After the service at the church was concluded, the body was taken to the city cemetery for interment. The floral offerings were beautiful.

Millard T. Parrish was born November 16, 1891, and was killed in France, April 16, 1918. He belonged to Company E, 120th Infantry of the famous 30th Division. He went to camp on April 2, 1918, and sailed from America on May 10th of the same year.

He fell for his country doing the utmost for the cause of humanity, and Johnston county did honor to his memory in the service conducted Sunday afternoon.

## DISTRICT U. D. C. MEETING HERE

Will Convene Wednesday; Mrs. Wilson President State U. D. C. Will Make Address.

Tomorrow (Wednesday) the district meeting of the U. D. C. which includes chapters at Lenoir, Raleigh, Pittsboro, Cary, Lillington, Clayton, Selma and Smithfield, will convene in this city.

The delegates are expected to arrive by noon and a luncheon will be tendered them by the Sanders-Holt chapter in the dining room of the Methodist church.

The business meetings will be held in the Epworth League room and also the address of Mrs. Wilson of Gastonia, president of the State U. D. C., who will speak at three o'clock in the afternoon. The ladies of the town are invited to hear Mrs. Wilson who is sure to bring an interesting message.

The local chapter of the U. D. C., though not large is an enthusiastic one and it is an honor to them and our city to have this assembly meet here. The heroes of the past have not been forgotten by our people, though those of the recent world war are freshest in our memory.

## Another Roosevelt in Politics

Another Roosevelt looms on the political horizon. Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., providing it meets her approval and provided the women voters of Nassau county, N. Y., can arrange it, will follow her husband's footsteps as a member of the New York assembly. Mrs. Roosevelt took an active part in the campaign last fall, making many speeches for her husband, then up for re-election. Mr. Roosevelt was elected and later appointed assistant secretary of the navy by President Harding. In speaking of her possible nomination to succeed her husband, Mrs. Roosevelt said: "I would feel highly honored, of course, but before I could say anything I might better wait until I am asked."—Greensboro News.

## Old Subscriber Still Wants Herald.

He writes us as is printed below: "Editors Herald:

"I am in a bad condition to pay you for the paper. I have been down for six weeks with my left side paralyzed. I am not able to work.

"But I have been taking the Herald since the Spanish War and it seems like a true friend when it comes at all times. I will remit to you for six months. Please send it just the same.

"B. J. GRANT,  
Four Oaks, April 25, 1921."

## GERMANY WILLING TO HELP.

Is Willing to Help Reconstruct Devastated France. Sends Note To Great Britain

London, April 24.—Germany has sent a note to the British government reiterating her complete willingness to undertake the reconstruction of devastated France.

The note which came from the German foreign office, was delivered by the German embassy to the British foreign office this evening. It follows:

"Germany is absolutely persuaded that it is unavoidably necessary for the purpose of restoring economic peace throughout the world that the territories devastated through the war should be reconstructed and restored. Until this is done there will be danger that feelings of hate will continue to exist among the nations concerned.

"Germany, therefore declares herself willing to cooperate in this reconstruction with all the means and strength at her disposal, and to take into account in regard thereto, in every individual case, each wish of the power concerned as far as possible."

The note proceeds to enumerate in great detail, the possibilities of reconstruction: First, for Germany to take over specified localities, either as a state undertaking or by directing the work of a national colonizing and settlement association second, to undertake the work of clearing, reforestation, building and repairing brick works and works for the production of chalk, plaster, cement and other necessities and the delivery of the necessary machinery and the building materials from Germany; third to arrange that all such machinery and materials shall emanate from Germany, and fourth, to start immediately plans to build at least 25,000 wooden houses in the devastated districts before the cold season begins.

Other clauses of the note specify the execution of deep and shallow excavations of all kinds, according to the plans and under the control of the French authorities, or otherwise according to the wishes of the allied governments.

The German government expresses a willingness to help in any way possible to take over the cost in paper marks, the amount to be reckoned against the reparation account, and generally to co-operate in every possible manner.

The Note is signed by Dr. Walter Simons, the German foreign minister. It requests the allied government to initiate at the earliest possible moment the necessary discussions of the details.—Greensboro News.

## Child is Electrocutted

Henderson, April 23.—Sidney Clopton, eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Clopton, of South Henderson, was accidentally electrocuted this morning while playing.

The Clopton boy and Tom Collins, about the same age, were playing near the Clopton home around the pole that supports the heavy wires running from the sub-station. The Clopton boy seems to have taken hold of the ground wire which came loose from top of pole falling over one of the feed wires, carrying sixty-thousand volts which killed the child instantly. Tom Collins, his playmate, who was near him, was knocked down and severely shocked. He was so frightened when he got on his feet that he ran away without finding the trouble.

Mrs. Alice Clopton, the Clopton child's mother, hearing the roaring of the heavy current going into the ground rushed out to find the trouble. Seeing the helpless child and when within about 10 feet of the pole the current was so great it knocked her down, rendering her unconscious and for several minutes she and her son lay in the power of the deadly current.

Her neighbors were unable to go to her until someone could run to the sub-station about three hundred yards away to have the current cut off during which time the ground wire had tripped the switch in Raleigh and the switch was thrown in again. Not knowing the trouble the switch was thrown in a second time in Raleigh, sending the sixty thousand volts through the child's body a second time and kept the neighbors, who stood by, from going to their rescue.—News and Observer.

## TOWN CONVENTION FRIDAY EVENING

### Mr. Chas. A. Creech Nominated for Mayor; Three New Aldermen

For the first time in the history of Smithfield, Friday evening, the women of the town participated in town politics when a Democratic convention was held in the Opera House for the purpose of nominating a mayor and board of aldermen.

Despite the showers of rain and the fact the meeting was slated for 9 o'clock after the service at the Baptist Church, the opera house was crowded, all not being able to secure seats. Mayor H. L. Skinner called the meeting to order and a chairman of the convention was elected. To Hon. E. S. Abell, experienced in the ways of conventions, was delegated this honor, and Mr. H. C. Cooper was chosen as secretary.

The chairman, Mr. Abell, then announced that there were three candidates for mayor and asked how the convention would cast its vote. It was decided to vote by ballot the one receiving a majority on the first ballot to be declared nominated. In case no one received a majority the candidate receiving the least number of votes would be eliminated on the second ballot.

Nominations were then declared in order. The first name presented to the convention was that of Mr. Chas. A. Creech, Mr. F. K. Broadhurst making the nomination which was seconded by Mrs. T. J. Lassiter. Mr. E. F. Ward then nominated Mr. H. L. Skinner and Mr. St. Julian Springs seconded the nomination. Mr. John Arthur Narron's name was presented by Mr. E. J. Wellons, Mr. L. G. Stevens seconding that nomination. Three tellers, Messrs J. H. Abel, N. B. Grantham, and F. K. Broadhurst were then appointed and the vote was taken. The first ballot which declared Mr. Creech nominated was as follows: Mr. Creech, 180 votes; Mr. Skinner 96 votes; and Mr. Narron 54 votes.

The convention then assembled by wards and the work of nominating a board of aldermen proceeded. The result was as follows: First Ward, Mr. W. H. Lassiter, renominated; second ward, Mr. C. I. Pierce, renominated and Mr. T. S. Ragsdale, new; Third ward, Mr. N. B. Grantham, renominated and Mr. W. N. Holt, new; Fourth ward, Mr. J. J. Broadhurst, renominated and Mr. E. S. Edmundson, new.

The work was done swiftly with no hitch anywhere. In fourth ward, Mrs. L. G. Patterson's name was presented for a place on the board but she immediately withdrew and the persons named above were selected.

Th election will take place Tuesday, May 3rd. It is not expected that the Republicans will put out a ticket against these men.

## Eclipse of Moon Comes

Darkening of celestial bodies still has enough of the supernatural in it to keep some folks up to any hour of the night to watch the miracle, and there were not a few who were up at 2:30 o'clock Friday morning when the shadow of the earth completely shut out the light of the moon.

It all happened exactly as the almanacs said it would. The first dim shadow of the earth crept across the rim of the disk at three minutes after one o'clock, grew and spread out until 2:33 the moon was completely hidden. It was five minutes past three before the moon began to shake off the shadow.

Low flying clouds obscured the moon after 11 o'clock, and at 1 o'clock it looked as though the phenomena would be hidden from the faithful who watched. The clouds broke just before the shadow appeared, and the skies were clear throughout. It will be six years before another total eclipse of the moon takes place, and a dozen years before the sun is totally eclipsed.—News and Observer.

## Powhatan Baseball Team Notice

To the Powhatan manager:  
We saw your challenge in THE HERALD and want a game with you Saturday, May 7th, anywhere.—E. W. Gordon, Manager, Ivanhoe Mill team, Smithfield, N. C.

## CONGRESS IS SPLIT OVER THE TAX LAW

### A Review of the Situation; Return to Three Cent Postage Probable

Washington, April 24.—Hope of senate and house leaders that effective teamwork could be developed in shaping the new revenue law seems doomed to failure.

Not only have radical differences developed between house and senate committee members, but each house is so divided that the 531 members would report 531 separate bills if each had his way.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon has not formulated any specific recommendations and probably will not. Mellon will make suggestions before the senate's finance committee.

Harding's Stand.  
The one specific recommendation in President Harding's message was the repeal of the excess profits tax. Further than that he stipulated only "the revision or repeal of those taxes that have become unproductive and are so artificial and hardensome as to defeat their own purpose."

Full data is being gathered by experts in the treasury department to show whether each sort of tax now collected has proved practicable or has failed. This material Mellon will present before the committee, and on the facts shown the committee will be expected to base its conclusions.

Present Taxes.  
Taxes now levied by Uncle Sam, under the existing law, are of 11 general classes:

Income taxes, both for individuals and corporations.  
Excess profits taxes.  
Excise taxes, including the so-called "luxury" taxes.  
Estate taxes.  
Transportation and communication taxes.  
Taxes on beverages.  
Taxes on cigars and tobacco.  
Taxes on admissions and dues.  
Special taxes.  
Stamp taxes.  
Child labor tax.

It is in the three groups of income excess profits and excise taxes that the greatest revision by the present Congress is likely.

Next to the repeal of the excess profits tax the changes that may be set down as definite are:

Scaling down of the surtaxes on large incomes.  
Increase in corporation tax rates.  
Some sort of sales tax.

In addition to these it is probable there will be a return to 3-cent letter postage, 1 cent from the sale of each stamp going into the general revenues; an increase in the tax on stock sales; and the repeal of the majority of the luxury taxes, except those on automobiles, pleasure boats, and a few similar articles.

The theory behind the repeal of the luxury tax would be that a fair tax on all luxury purchases would be secured through the sales tax.

Taxes Multiply  
In the case of automobiles, motorcycles, tires and motor accessories, and motorboats, yachts and other pleasure craft, under Senator Smoot's proposal the present tax of from 3 to 10 per cent would be collected on the final selling price. In addition if the turnover type of sales tax be adopted, there would be a 1 per cent tax on each stage production which involved a sale.

It is over the turnover feature of the sales tax that the biggest fight seems certain to wage.

Smoot's bill is regarded as the basis from which the senate committee will work. This bill provides:

"In addition to all other taxes, there shall be collected upon all merchandise, goods, or wares, sold or leased on or after July 1, 1921, a tax equivalent to 1 per cent of the price for which sold or leased; such tax to be paid by the vendor or lessor."

Piling Up Prices.  
The tax as may be seen, does not apply alone to the final sale, but to every transaction along the line, from the producer of raw materials to the retailer of the finished product. Through the various stages of manufacture and distribution, there is virtually no article which would reach the consumer with less than 5 per cent added for the sales tax, and

## BUILDING PROGRAM IN STATE.

It Is Thought That Prosperity Will Be Increased by Big Building Programme.

Raleigh, April 23.—North Carolina will get a little ahead of other states in this section of the country in its return to prosperity in the opinion of many business men who believe the fact that the state is launching out on a big building program will help to stabilize business by furnishing a market for a large amount of building materials of all kinds and opening up many new jobs for people. The labor situation is ideal now for a big building program, both for the skilled laborers and the common labor. Reports coming to the office of Commissioner Shipman, of the department of labor, who also has charge of the federal employment bureaus in the state, indicates that there is plenty of labor in all sections of North Carolina.

It is believed that the road building forces will be in a position to get a large amount of labor at reasonable prices during the summer months and that from now on until the winter makes road construction impracticable on a large scale, it will be possible to secure all the help that will be needed. The road building program will not only furnish work to a large number of men who are now looking for jobs as common laborers, but it will also open the field for the employment of a large number of skilled road builders, engineers, grading contractors and others. The highway commission is gradually collecting the names of men for these jobs which require skill in the handling.

The building program of the state institutions will likewise open up jobs for men skilled in all kinds of building trades. Contractors in and around Raleigh declare that the labor situation is much improved over what it has been. They can get carpenters, brick layers, plasterers and other workers in the building trades in larger numbers and at more reasonable prices than since the war.

In giving employment to such a large number of people the state will bring large sums of money into North Carolina which will ultimately find its way into the channels of business, and the general improvement in business conditions may be expected to follow. No southern state has taken such advanced steps in construction as North Carolina, and few states in the union have made plans for such a constructive program during the next two years. In addition to the money the state will bring into North Carolina, a large number of the cities and counties are selling bonds for road, street and school buildings during the coming summer.—Greensboro News.

## Two Women Burned To Death

Elizabeth City, April 21.—Mrs. Addie Skinner and her daughter Miss Annie Skinner were burned to death at Center Hill, about 25 miles from here early today. Miss Skinner's dress caught fire while she was preparing breakfast and when her mother came to her aid both were burned so badly that they lived only a short time.—News and Observer.

In most cases the tax would reach from 8 to 15 per cent.

Next to the sales tax fight will come the battle over revision of the income surtaxes. Figures being gathered by the treasury are expected to show just at what point the high surtaxes begin driving large incomes into tax-free securities.

Present surtax rates run up to 65 per cent on incomes of over \$1,000,000. This maximum may be cut to 40 or even 30 per cent.

Shifting the Burden.  
To offset any losses due to this revision of the higher surtax rates, an increase in corporation taxes will be urged, probably in the way of corporation surtaxes.

As always, there will be the proposal to scale up the rates of taxation on the lower rates of income, placing the burden on the great mass of wage and salary earners.—R. B. Hunt in Charlotte bserver.

## SEVEN SCHOOLS HAVE GROUP MEETING

### Rev. D. H. Tuttle Delivers Address; Diplomas and Certificates Awarded

The group commencement of the Thanksgiving Groups was held on Friday, April 22nd. The schools included in this group were Thanksgiving, Live Oak, Sandy Springs, Poplar Springs, Hatcher's, Corbett's, and Silverdale. Not all the schools of the groups, however, took part in the exercises.

The schools best represented were, Thanksgiving, Live Oaks, Sandy Springs, Poplar Springs, and Hatcher's. The exercises began at 10:00 o'clock by a parade in which all the schools present took part. The parade was characterized by flying flags and floats and costumes suggestive of springtime. An especially attractive feature of the parade was the Live Oak school, which was attired in full costume and carrying with it the May Queen, marching with escorts and under a canopy of flowers. This school ended the parade by giving the May Pole dance to the music of a graphophone.

The commencement address was delivered by Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church of Smithfield. Following his address Miss Mary E. Wells presented diplomas to the pupils of the group who had completed the seventh grade course this year. Certificates of perfect attendance were awarded by Mr. H. V. Rose, seven children of the group receiving the certificates.

At 1:00 o'clock dinner was served on the ground. Immediately following the dinner hour the schools again assembled in the building and the contests were entered into. The winners in the contest were: best chorus, Thanksgiving; best reading, Live Oak; best story telling, Thanksgiving. Worthy of special mention in the story telling contest was the story told by the contestant from the Sandy Springs School. A little girl in a wonderful fine way told Isaac Walton's splendid story, "Scart 'o Dyin'".

Field games were entered into by the schools represented but were greatly interfered with by occasional showers of rain. The attendance was fair, composed for the most part by school children.

The group commencement is a feature of school commencement that will be held in several parts of the county. Most of them will be held within the next two weeks. They offer the finest opportunity possible for the public to get and see samples of the work that the teachers and pupils have done in the public schools of the county for the school year just closing. It is hoped that all the others that are to follow will be largely attended by parents as well as by those immediately connected with the programs.

## Not So Many Germans

Washington, April 23.—Germany, Austria, Ireland and Russia, natives of which made up more than 59 per cent of the country's total foreign population ten years ago, showed heavy losses in the number of their natives in the United States during the last ten years. Census Bureau statistics show these losses aggregate almost 2,000,000 and are believed to have been largely due to the World War, with its consequent exodus of belligerent national and the stoppage of immigration.

German-born showed a loss of 818,035; Austrian-born, a loss of 600,014; Irish-born, a loss of 816,571, and Russian-born, a loss of 203,783. While Germany had the largest loss numerically, Austria's loss was relatively the largest, having been more than 50 per cent.—Associated Press.

## Child Dead

John Ferrell, the seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ferrell who live near Johnston Union church, died Sunday morning and was buried at the Johnston Union Cemetery, yesterday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell, we understand, now have two children near death's door.