

PROGRAM SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

N. C. S. S. Association Will Hold County Convention Here October 26-27

The opening session of the Johnston County Sunday School Convention will be held in the Methodist church, Smithfield on Wednesday night, October 26, at 7:30 o'clock. The convention will continue through Thursday, Oct. 27, there being three sessions on that day, morning, afternoon and night.

The Sunday school leaders of the county consider themselves very fortunate in having secured Dr. D. W. Sims, General Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association as one of the speakers. Under Mr. Sims direction the Association is doing progressive Sunday School work throughout the state. Before taking up the work in North Carolina Mr. Sims served for five years as General Superintendent in Alabama and for 8 years in Georgia as Superintendent of the State Sunday School Associations. Mr. Sims not only knows the organized Sunday School work, but he has also had practical experience as Sunday school teacher and superintendent. He was superintendent of a Sunday School in Richmond which increased in membership from 951 to 2,072 in less than three years time. He is noted for the practicality of his addresses delivered in such a humorous, interesting and instructive way. Mr. Sims long experience as a Sunday School Superintendent and teacher will make his lectures of special interest to all workers. In connection with his Sunday School work Mr. Sims has traveled in 13 foreign countries, one of which was Palestine and last fall he took a trip to the Orient, including China, Korea and Japan in his travels.

Miss Flora Davis, Assistant Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, will also be one of the speakers. Miss Davis knows the Sunday school work and her addresses on methods of work are said to be very helpful and delivered in a very attractive manner. Miss Davis was one of the official delegates to the World's Sunday School Convention in Tokyo, Japan last October. She also took an extensive tour into China and Korea as well as visiting many of the principal cities of Japan. She has recently taken up the work in this state and comes to North Carolina from Georgia where she has done similar work for the past nine years. The Sunday School leaders feel that a very competent assistant has been secured in Miss Davis.

The meeting at Smithfield is arranged under the auspices of the North Carolina Sunday School Association. The Association stands for those interest common to Sunday School workers of all denominations. It is a systematic effort of workers from the various denominations to create public sentiment in favor of more and better denominational Sunday Schools. Leaders in thought in the various denominations help in this work.

The following local committee has in charge the arrangements for the convention:

T. R. Hood, Supt. Methodist Sunday School; T. S. Ragsdale, Supt. Baptist Sunday School; L. D. Wharton, Supt. Presbyterian Sunday School; N. M. Lawrence, Supt. Episcopal Sunday School.

The program for the four sessions of the convention follows:

First Session, Wednesday Night, October 26th.

7:30 Period of Worship. Led by Rev. D. H. Tuttle, Pastor Methodist Church, Smithfield.

7:45 The Adults in the Sunday School. Miss Flora Davis

8:15 Song.

8:20 The Weak Link in the Sunday School. Mr. D. W. Sims

9:00 Adjourn.

Second Session, Thursday Morning, October 27.

10:30 Period of Worship. Led by Rev. Neill McInnis, Pastor Presbyterian Church, Smithfield.

10:45 Four Essentials of a Graded Sunday School. Miss Flora Davis.

11:15 Record of Attendance.

GEN. METTS DIES FROM INJURIES IN RECENT ACCIDENT

Funeral Today of Commander of State Division of Confederate Veterans.

Wilmington, Oct. 18.—Funeral services for General James I. Metts, commander of the North Carolina division of United Confederate Veterans will be held at St. James' Episcopal church tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. General Metts, who was injured when his automobile was struck by a street car Saturday night, died at 11:30 o'clock. General Metts was the father of Adjutant General John VanB Metts, of Raleigh.

In accident General Metts received lacerations about the head and his skull was slightly fractured. He was unconscious until the end with the exception of a few minutes yesterday.

Besides Adjutant Metts, he is survived by one other son, Edwin A. Metts, of this city, and a daughter, Miss Elia D. Metts, both of Wilmington, and a brother, Charles G. Metts, of Norfolk, Va.

Improvements at Jordan-Edmundson

We notice with a great deal of pleasure the wonderful improvement which has recently taken place in one of the most important business houses in our county. The proprietors of this business have been a source of great convenience for the many people of our county who find the necessities which they must have when they call upon them. Yet we have often wondered how they stored so many different things with the room they had.

They kept their store in splendid order before the improvement, but for one to step into the Jordan-Edmundson Hardware store now we are sure they will be amazed. In the store and range department, which is the old Austin-Stephenson Co. store, you will find at a glance anything wanted in the line of stoves and ranges. You will find oil stoves and heating stoves of most any kind it seems to us, and in perfect order. You will see all kinds of cooking utensils which are lined up in such an attractive way they act as silent salesmen. With this mammoth stock removed from the adjoining store they have the hardware department arranged so that one can see in this department as in the other at a glance what he came for.

The Jordan-Edmundson Hardware Co., is certainly on the job. They have been in business for 20 years, as the present owners have only changed in name from the Cotter Hardware Co., which name they bore for so long a time. They are progressive business men who will extend to you the greatest consideration, and we are among the many who know of no service better than the service given by these people. We congratulate them upon the last big improvement, and wish for them much success.

11:25 Our Purpose and Our Task. By Mr. D. W. Sims.

12:00 Miscellaneous business:

1. Offering for support of the North Carolina Sunday School Association.

2. Announcements.

12:15 Adjourn.

Third Session, Thursday Afternoon

2:30 Period of Worship. Led by Rev. H. S. Hartzell, Rector Episcopal church, Smithfield.

2:45 Practical Points for Increasing Sunday School Efficiency. By Mr. D. W. Sims.

3:15 Song.

3:20 Story Telling. By Miss Flora Davis.

3:50 Problem Solving Period. Conducted by Mr. D. W. Sims.

4:15 Adjourn.

Fourth Session Thursday Night.

7:30 Period of Worship. Led by Mr. T. S. Ragsdale, Superintendent Baptist Sunday School, Smithfield.

7:45 Trained Workers for the Sunday School. By Miss Flora Davis.

8:15 Song.

8:20 Doubling the Sunday School Attendance. By Mr. D. W. Sims.

9:00 Adjourn.

It frequently happens that when a man thinks he is confessing his sins, he is only bragging.

REPUBLICAN PEACE PROGRAM RATIFIED

Senate Blocks Efforts of the Democrats to Substitute Versailles Treaty

Washington, Oct. 18.—The administration's peace treaties with Germany (Austria and Hungary) were ratified by the Senate tonight, the vote on the first two being 66 to 20, or 8 more than the necessary two-thirds, and in the case of the Hungarians treaty, due to the absence of three senators, being 66 to 17.

The Senate action completed the administration's immediate peace program and brought a full state of peace with the principal enemy powers. Remaining now only are the formal exchanges of ratification, except in the case of the Hungarian treaty, as that government alone has yet to complete parliamentary action on the treaty.

Only three Republicans—Senators Borah, of Idaho, LaFollette, of Wisconsin, and Norris, of Nebraska, who, absent on account of illness, was paired against ratification—voted against the treaties. Fourteen Democrats, on the other hand, supported the treaties, while two more were paired in favor of ratification.

Before final action was taken a Democratic effort to substitute for the German treaty the treaty of Versailles with the 12 Lodge reservations was defeated and the foreign relations committee reservations prohibiting American membership on the Allied Reparations commission or any other international commission without the consent of Congress were adopted.

SIX INJURED WHEN AUTO IS HIT BY PASSING TRAIN

Mount Olive, Oct. 19.—A. C. I., train No. 42, northbound, passing here last night, struck a Ford automobile at Pollock street crossing and turned it over twice. In the car were A. C. Price, the driver; his son and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Price; his daughter Miss Margaret Price and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Martin, all farmer folks residing near here, and all of whom were more or less seriously injured, the full extent of which in some cases, isn't ascertainable yet; but all were skinned and bruised up painfully with one or two probably sustaining internal injuries.

Harvey Lee, another young white man, standing near, was hit by the tumbling car and apparently, is the worst hurt of any, this morning still remaining in an unconscious state. He is from near Faison.

All had been here to a tent meeting and were getting ready to leave just as the train came. Blinding lights from a large car across the street is said to have kept the driver of the Ford from seeing the oncoming train.

—News and Observer.

The Smithfield Tobacco Market.

The Smithfield tobacco market is still on the upgrade. Prices have been advancing on all better grades of tobacco. The sales have been good here this week notwithstanding the fact that it is the week of the Raleigh Fair. The farmers seem well pleased with the sales they are making and we can say with safety that you will make no mistake to bring your tobacco right along to this market. Now that the cotton picking season is almost over we feel sure it will pay you to get your tobacco ready and sell it.

RISKS LIFE FOR DOG

Railroad Agent Attempting Rescue of Pet Badly Hurt By Train.

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 18.—An attempt to rescue a pet dog from an approaching train today may cost Ralph Horn his life. Horn, who was assistant station agent for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway at Guyencourt, near here, sprang to the rescue of the dog when it darted out on the tracks in front of an approaching train.

Horn hurled the dog to safety but was struck by the engine. He was brought to a hospital here, where it was said his skull is probably fractured.

HARRIS DIED IN CHAIR AT 10:30 YESTERDAY

Made No Statement—Two Shocks Were Required To Kill Him

While the gala day crowds surged into the city for the Fair and football game this morning at 10:30 o'clock, old man Tom Harris, Ridgecrest merchant, unassisted, walked into the octagon-shaped death chamber at the State penitentiary and paid the extreme penalty demanded by the law and society for the murder of W. H. Monnish, wealthy Baptist philanthropist who had a summer home at Baptist assembly grounds in the mountains near the Harris store.

The execution went thru in orderly manner, being little different from the others which have been carried out at the penitentiary since the law changed the method of execution from death by hanging.

Warden Busbee waited until the last minute, giving J. T. Harris, the benefit of any last minute circumstance which might prevent or delay the execution. At 10:29 he called to an assistant for the prisoner.

With the minister walking in front reading from the 16th through the 22nd Psalm and the 123rd Psalm, Harris came into the death chamber unassisted, walked to the chair without apparent emotion and was helped to sit in the right position by the attendants. He waved to the other prisoners on death row as he passed, but said never a word to them.

Of low stature, but heavily and stockily built, and a drooping moustache that was streaked with the grey of half a hundred and more years and dressed in the prison garb of blue shirt and dark trousers, J. T. Harris, walked to the electric chair in his stocking-feet without looking at the crowd, which filled all the space in the little room where the ultimate in human punishment is meted out to those who break the man made laws of society. As he took his seat in the chair his eyes once turned towards the crowd. But there was little interest in the spectators, little interest in what was happening to him. He may have heard the minister reading the Bible, but his stolid features gave no evidence that the ears were conscious what was happening around him.

Only once was there any evidence of emotion. When the face strap was buckled to the back of the chair, covering the mouth and eyes, and after the dampened cap had been fitted over his shaven head, the chin and lower lip twitched as it does when a strong man resists a desire to express his emotions in tears. Harris may have been crying or his lips may have been moving in prayer. None could tell.

When hands had been buckled to the arms of the chair, his head fastened to the back, and an immense leather harness pulled across his breast, the legs strapped to the chair—the right one bared by slitting the trousers to the knee for contact with the death-dealing current and the cap fitted down over the skull, the attendants stood away, and the warden turned on eighteen hundred volts of electric current.

The body of the old man resisted with a stolidity that has characterized his mental attitude since the murder of W. H. Monnish on September 3, 1920. It stiffened as it met the current for the first time, then swayed back a little, stiffened again, limped again and then bolted up again twice during the three quarters of a minute the human body was furnishing a conduct for the 1800 volts of electricity.

The current was turned off and the warden coming over from the switch board, unbuttoned the shirt front and the undershirt for the physician to make the stethoscopic examination of the heart beat. The examination seemed to the crowd watching the performance to take a long time. It seemed longer than it was.

Then the physician shook his head, indicating that there were still evidences of life in the body, and the warden went back to his switches.

The current was again thrown thru the body. The current was held there for several seconds and the resistance (Continued on page 4)

FIRST REAL TEST FOR LABOR BOARD

Government Completes Defensive Plans and Is Watching Developments.

Washington, Oct. 18.—The threatened railroad strike was recognized in high official circles today a shaving developed into the first real test of the practicability of the Railroad Labor Board. The outcome of the negotiations now in progress, it was declared would determine whether an "entirely futile" agency has been created.

Prominent in the defense put forward by labor leaders in every controversy in the past, it was pointed out, was the plea that there was no legally constituted body before which they could lay their grievances or to whose impartial judgment they could submit petitions for relief. With the labor Board expressly created to fill this gap, assurance was given today that it would be permitted to have a free hand in its efforts to meet the initial test provided by the disagreement of the railroads and their employees over wage schedules and working conditions.

With practically every active effort toward averting the walkout scheduled to begin October 30, centered in Chicago, the government today had completed its defensive plans and was watching developments. The cabinet gave only "passive" attention to the subject at its regular meeting and there was no official statement on any phase of the strike forthcoming from any branch of the government.

While authoritative information still was lacking as to the basis upon which the labor board was proceeding, the impression was given that it involved some features at least, of the suggestion put forward by the public members of the board Sunday as "one feasible plan" for preventing the tie-up.

The probability that official sanction would be given to the proposal that the July wage reduction be offset immediately by a proportionate freight rate decrease was discussed in high official circles. In case this was adopted as the government's compromise plan, the test of the railroad board's authority would arise immediately, it was pointed out, in the question of its acceptance by either or both of the parties to the controversy.

Entirely apart from the suggestion of the public group, official intimation was given that a freight rate reduction was being considered. There was no indication as to the factors upon which such a rate revision would be formulated or how soon a decision by the proper governmental agencies could be expected.

It was indicated that the entire support of the government would be given the labor board in its effort to reach a settlement of the controversy and that other government agencies would be instructed to co-operate actively. In case the settlement involves modification of the present rate schedules, the procedure would include a petition from the labor board to the Interstate Commerce Commission, which has jurisdiction for the necessary rate change.

With respect to his conference with the public group yesterday, Attorney General Daugherty said today, he has gone over with them every angle of the law under which the board operates and had examined into legal arguments and court decisions in the past. Whether this reference had anything to do with the possible use of the injunction Mr. Daugherty declined to say. He declared, however, that the Department of Justice expected to maintain silence on phases of the strike until called upon for action, adding that if that time should come the government's legal branch would be ready.

White House officials declined again to discuss the possibility of the brotherhood chiefs being called to Washington by the President.

Rev. Goodrich To Preach at Bethel

Rev. A. L. Goodrich will preach at Bethel Baptist church next Sunday afternoon October 23rd at 3:30 o'clock. This church is four miles north of Kenly near Mr. J. T. Revell's.

A man who decides quickly hopes he is right; a woman who does so, knows she is.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM EXPLOSION

Deadly Missile Sent to Ambassador Herrick by A French Communist

Paris, Oct. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—A small, oblong package wrapped in plain white paper, tied with a strong cord and marked "perfume," lay on a table in the American Embassy all this morning. It was addressed personally to the American Ambassador, Myron T. Herrick, and had been delivered by registered post.

Thinking it was a gift for the Ambassador, Secretary Lawrence Norton carried it to the Ambassador's residence. Early in the evening the Ambassador's valet, Blanchard, saw the package on the desk, and following custom, started to open it. The removal of the paper revealed a small pasteboard box, such as might be used for holding soap. Almost immediately a spring was released and as Blanchard lifted the lid he heard a familiar noise which brought back the days when he was a bomber in the British army. He hurled the box thru the open bathroom door and ran from the room. The bomb exploded in the doorway, two fragments hitting the valet in the back. He was not seriously injured.

The Ambassador, his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Parmley Herrick and her 7-year-old son, were just at this time ascending the stairway preparatory to entering Mr. Herrick's suite. Blanchard came running out as the Ambassador reached the top.

"A bomb exploded and I am hit," the valet shouted. "Thank God, you were not in the room."

SMITHFIELD MEETS OXFORD IN FOOTBALL HERE TODAY

The first important football game on the local field will be staged here today (Friday) between the Smithfield Highs and the Oxford Highs. This game will be closely contested by two teams of apparent equal strength. The Smithfield Highs defeated the Odd Fellows Orphanage last Friday by a score of 12 to 0 in the first and only game of the season. This has some importance for the Orphanage bunch played the Goldsboro Highs to 7-7 tie. Last year they defeated the Wilson Highs by a 26 to 7 score. Oxford defeated the Henderson Highs by a smashing score of 40 to 0. The Smithfield line-up will have few if any changes from that used in the Orphanage game. The line, from end to end will average 151 pounds. The backfield carries a weight of 146 pounds. The average of the complete team is 150 pounds, a good weight for a high school. The line-up is as follows:

Honeycutt—R. E.
Biggs—R. T.
Beasley—R. G.
Wharton, D.—Center.
Brown—L. E.
Pittman—L. T.
Hamer—L. G.
Holland (Captain)—Q. B.
Ellington—L. H. B.
Skinner—R. H. B.
Godwin—F. B.

Oxford's team is not much if any heavier than ours. The game will be played on the High School gridiron beginning at 3:30 (to-day) Friday afternoon. The team needs the support of the city. Come out and back up your city, school and team.

New High Record for Gasoline Consumption.

Washington, Oct. 19.—A new high record in gasoline consumption was established in the month of August when 503,000,000 gallons were used, according to an announcement today by the bureau of mines. Although the average daily production in August of 13,921,000 gallons was 385,000 gallons more than in July, total stocks of gasoline on Aug. 31, amounting to 567,645,000 gallons, showed a decrease of 116,000,000 gallons during the month, according to the figures. Exports of gasoline in August totalled 47,803,000 gallons, or 75 per cent more than in July. Total production for the month was given as 431,577,000 gallons.