

The Smithfield Herald

VOLUME 41

SMITHFIELD, N. C., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1922

NUMBER 74

DELEGATION MEETS HON. J. E. CAMERON

Hard Surface Road to Selma Desired; Project Just Let One of Best in N. C.

A trip fraught with interest to the people of Johnston County and especially to citizens of Smithfield and Selma was made to Kinston Friday by Dr. R. J. Noble, of Selma, Mr. W. M. Sanders, Judge and Mrs. F. H. Brooks, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter and Miss Margaret Pou, who went for an interview with Hon. John E. Cameron the member of the State Highway Commission in charge of this district, relative to the laying of a hard surfaced road between Smithfield and Selma.

At the instance of Mr. W. M. Sanders a meeting was arranged last Tuesday with Hon. Frank Page, chairman of the State Highway Commission, and Mr. Sanders, Dr. Geo. W. Vick, Mr. W. H. Call and others of Selma were present at the meeting. Mr. Page referred the committee to Mr. Cameron, hence the visit on Friday. Those appearing before Mr. Cameron were most cordially received and he listened with interest to the gentlemen who presented the proposition for four miles of hard surfaced road between Selma and Smithfield. Mr. Cameron said that the road must be built but could do nothing about it at present. He stated that he believed in frankness, and there was no use promising something he could not do. His next job in Johnston county, he affirmed, is to complete the project recently let from Smithfield to the Wake county line. Incidentally, Mr. Cameron declared that this will be one of the finest stretches of road in all North Carolina when completed. It is a Federal aid project and will have a Federal inspector on the job. The road, which will be eighteen feet wide, two feet wider than is generally built, is to be completed by the end of 1923, and when that project is out of the way, Mr. Cameron says he will do all he can to get the road built between here and Selma. On account of the strikes, material cannot be placed as rapidly as the contractors can use it, and road building in the state is being thus hampered. But Mr. Cameron assured the delegation that he was interested in the Johnston County proposition and would expedite matters all he could.

The Only Way.

Prevention is better than cure, though it does not so often get in the papers. Lots of folks are advertising sure remedies for colds, erysipilas and lame backs, but not once in a coon's age do they tell us how to avoid these afflictions.

There are two kinds of mistakes that auto drivers make at railroad crossings. Some motorists, a large number of them in fact, fail to remember where they are. They know the fatal result of being hit by a train of cars, but do not keep that idea in active circulation. To know a lot of things is great, but to profit by what we know is better yet.

To think about trains of cars when you drive near crossings is the natural thing—but by no means the usual thing, so one is led to think when he reads about daily disasters at railroad grade crossings.

It is harder to forgive the error of the driver who tries to beat his way ahead of a train. The other kind is dreamy and mentally sluggish, but this one is as wide awake as a chicken hawk and knows all that is going on.

Probably in one more generation it will surprise the shock people to read that in the year 1921, over 5,000 folks,—men, women and children, riding in automobiles, were killed or injured at public crossings in this country.

The only way to check this frightful condition is to remind drivers, and then remind them again, of something they already know—the danger of being forgetful, or of committing daredevil acts at the crossings.

There is no better prescription for middle-aged and elderly people than this: Let them mingle with the young folks.—Selected.

OBSERVE THE GAME LAW

To the Editor: There has been considerable complaint made to me recently about the folks of the county killing game out of season. I have written a number of letters to different ones in the county about the killing of squirrels before the open season, and doubtless in a few weeks there will be more complaint about the killing of squirrels before the opening season.

It is unlawful for any one to kill a squirrel in Johnston County before the first of November and after March 1st, to kill quail or partridge before November 15th and after March 1st; to kill wild turkey before November 1st and after March 1st; to kill doves before November 1st and after March 1st; to kill ducks, geese or snipes before November 1st and after February 1st; to kill opossum before November 1st and after March 1st.

This game law was passed by the Legislature of 1921, and is the same as last year. This law is going to be enforced, and the State Audubon Society is going to get behind the law and see that every violator is prosecuted, and I am writing this in the hope that the people of Johnston County will abide the season and all join in the real sport when the season opens, and not slip around and violate the law and kill all of the game before the season begins, and thereby deprive the law abiding citizen of the real sport to which he is entitled.

I have the names of several who have been seen with their pockets or bags full of squirrels already. Their neighbors did not want them prosecuted, but wanted them to quit violating the law, so that they might be given the opportunity of engaging in the sport and enjoying the game, which is so plentiful in our county. If after this notice is published in the county papers, there continues to be complaint, I am not going to write to the individual, but will have to issue a warrant and enforce the law by imposing the penalty prescribed by the Statute.

This September 16th, 1922.

F. H. BROOKS.

Smithfield, N. C.

THOMAS WADDEN TO COME HERE

Sioux Falls is to get another prominent young banker. At a meeting this morning of the board of directors of the Sioux Falls National bank, Thomas A. Wadden, now president of the Lake County National bank at Madison, and the state bank of Juniata, was elected a director of and vice president and cashier of the Sioux Falls National bank. He will assume his new duties with the institution here on November 15.

Mr. Wadden is well known in the state. He is a brother of John W. Wadden, president of the Sioux Falls National bank, and was born in Madison, March 4, 1892. He was graduated from the literary department of the University of Michigan in 1914 and then took a year at the Harvard law school.

He has been prominent in South Dakota Bankers association circles, and is serving his second term on the executive council, is chairman of the taxation committee, and member of the legislation committee of the association.—The Daily Argus-Leader (Sioux Falls, S. D.)

Note: Mr. Wadden married a Smithfield girl, Miss Annie Irlie Pou, and friends here will be interested in the above announcement.

American Wealth Increases.

Few of us noticed it, perhaps, but the wealth of each individual American increased 46 cents during the month of August. This information comes from the Treasury Department at Washington, which reports that the total amount of money in circulation throughout the country September 1 was \$4,393,506,927, while the population of the country was estimated at 110,017,000 persons. This would put the per capita circulation of money September 1 at \$39.93 as compared with \$39.47 on August 1. But since the figures on September 1 last year were \$42.99, the current treasury report is nothing for anyone to get wildly jubilant over.—Philadelphia Record.

Renew your subscription.

INDUSTRIES MAKING GOOD SHOWING

Freight Cars Are Needed To Take Care of Heavy Traffic This Fall

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Reports received in financial and business quarters during the past week indicate that the heavy industries are making a rather better recovery from the effects of the strikes than had been anticipated. Soft coal output is running close to 10,000,000 tons a week and supplies of this commodity are such that the steel industry, which falls in the lowest class of priority, is now receiving sufficient fuel to run at 60 per cent of capacity instead of the 50 per cent of two weeks ago. More blast furnaces are being blown in and the trade expects all of August's losses in this respect to be made good presently. The limiting of the factor in steel works operations is now in fact, not a shortage of fuel but a scarcity of the kind of freight cars needed to carry the industry's products.

With soft coal mining in swing and with anthracite mining in the process of resumption, the railroads are carrying the largest amount of freight in nearly two years. Car loading for the week ended September 2 totalled 932,000, an increase of 41,000 cars over the previous week. Part of the gain is due to the accelerated movement of soft coal; nevertheless, the volume of general merchandise carried also has continued to gain. The present traffic has been exceeded only during short periods in the autumn of 1920.

Accordingly it is not surprising to find that the supply of idle cars is reaching the vanishing point. With the partial settlement of the shopmen's strike, which is now working forces reported on other roads, and with the equipment companies pushing their operations, the opinion is held in financial circles that the car repair situation should improve gradually and that while a car shortage is inevitable, the railroads will move a very large portion of the freight offered during the fall.

Cotton consumption is encouraging, August's taking by domestic mills amounted to 527,000 bales, the largest in any month since June, 1920. The latest total is 69,000 bales greater than that in July, and was recorded before the recent restoration of previous wage scale went into effect. The showing suggests one reason why the manufacturers were willing to restore the higher wages. It was assumed, in addition, that consumption has increased further since work was resumed in a number of New England mills.

Wheat prices continue weak under the influence of crop receipts, hedge selling and the continuation of favorable weather. Official estimates place the condition crop at close to 4,000,000,000 bushels, a figure which indicates the exportable surplus of nearly 300,000,000 bushels. A fair amount of foreign buying is taking place on the breaks, but this buying is not sufficiently strong to more than check the decline, and usually is followed by weakness in the foreign exchanges when the corresponding commercial bills are placed in the market.

A somewhat similar condition exists in the case of cotton, although this commodity recently has felt the supporting force of unusually bullish private crop reports. Some quarters seem to believe that this year's yield will amount to only 10,000,000 bales as compared with the government's September 1 figure of 10,575,000 bales. In any event it is considered that the price of American farm products is suffering materially on account of unsatisfactory economic conditions in Europe.

After several weeks of slight declines, the reserve ratio of the Federal Reserve system has come to a standstill. It has not, however, as yet shown the usual recovery from Labor day demands, possibly on account of the proximity of the tax date. New capital issues are increasing after a period of summer inactivity and this movement is expected to continue. It is thought that the next week or two should show whether the money market has reached a turning point.

TURKS MASSACRE 150,000 PERSONS

Drastic Action May Be Taken if Nationalists Attack Constantinople

LONDON, Sept. 16.—One hundred and fifty thousand people have been the victims of Turkish massacres following the defeat of the Greek army in Anatolia.

This became known tonight from a central news dispatch from Athens based on consular advices received in the Greek capital from Smyrna.

Coincident with this information it was revealed from an official source that Great Britain is preparing to go to war against Turkish nationalists if Turkish nationalists attack Constantinople and try to invade Europe.

It was announced that additional British troops have been landed along the Turkish straits and that more British war ships loaded with soldiers are being sent to the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus to halt the Turks.

Canada, Australia and other overseas dominions have been asked for aid in event that it is needed.

The British government made it known that an international conference will be called as soon as possible to decide upon a policy of unification as soon as the safety of the Turkish straits is assured.

The army of Mustafa Kemal Pasha is hourly drawing nearer to Constantinople and the Dardanelles and, despite the allied ultimatum, is occupying additional territory in Asia Minor. The Angora government has failed to reply to the repeated warnings of Great Britain to keep "hands off."

Great fears are being expressed here over the safety of the civilian population of Constantinople, massacres being expected unless the Turkish advance can be checked.

Italy has already pledged herself to assist the British and French in maintaining the neutrality of the Turkish straits. The Italian government has made it known that it will send an army into the near east if necessary.

The Greek government is reported to have sent a note to Paris protesting that French warships fired upon Greek troops that were embarking upon ships at Mudania for flight home.

Major General Sir Charles Townsend, who commanded the British army in the Mesopotamia in the world war, is quoted in a dispatch from Paris as saying that a holy war would certainly result, involving Mohammedans throughout all Asia, unless the Turks got the territory they were after.

The allied high commanders at Constantinople are commanding negotiations with Angora in an effort to arrange an immediate armistice but so far their efforts have failed. One British official pointed out that "diplomacy could not be trusted and that force must be ready for use in any emergency."

Newspapers in Paris are urging Premier Poincare "not to barter away Turkey's splendid success." The French have been assisting in the removal of refugee Christians from Asia Minor.

From latest accounts, five is still raging in Smyrna. It was sweeping towards the wharves, threatening the lives of 100,000 refugees who are being quartered in the harbor district.

German indemnity and the war debt issue threaten to become investigated in the international dickering over the near east problem. Britain is reported to be sounding out France to ascertain what price France will demand to support England on the Constantinople issue. It is understood that the suggestion has been made that England will consider the cancellation of the French debt if France will support England.

FOUR OAKS NEWS

FOUR OAKS, Sept. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jones, of Salem, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Tart last week.

Mr. Chester Barbour, of near Benson, recently visited his brother, Mr. Herbert Barbour.

Mrs. W. M. Durhan, of Benson, was in town last week the guest of relatives and friends.

Mr. Fred Johnson of Washington, D. C., has for the last two weeks been in our community on business.

Mr. Walter Page and Miss Lucia Flowers, of Zebulon and Miss Margaret Hardy, of Chase City, Va., visited Mr. Page's sister, Mrs. R. B. Strickland, last Sunday.

Mr. John Waller, of The Plains, Va., spent Monday in town.

Little Misses Hazel Baker and Louella Stanley visited relatives and friends in Wilson last week.

The Philathea class of the Methodist church met with Miss Gladys Adams last Monday night. After the devotional exercises a very interesting business meeting was entered into by all present. Later refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Mr. W. E. Matthews, of Warrenton, Va., was in town on business several days last week.

Messrs J. T. Allen, John Waller, Fred Johnson and W. E. Matthews made a business trip to Smithfield Monday.

Mrs. R. B. Strickland and Miss Gladys Adams spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Miss Mary Graham, who lives near Jackson Springs, returned to her home Monday after visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Russell, for some time.

The following announcement which was in last Sunday's News and Observer has been read with much interest here: "Rev. and Mrs. M. P. Davis, of Four Oaks, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Johnnie

Lou, to Dr. Clinton Cox, of Durham. The marriage to take place in October."

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Creech who have been visiting relatives in town returned to their home in Norfolk, Va., Saturday. Their niece little Miss Lucile Stanley, accompanied them home and will visit them for some time. They made the trip on Mr. Creech's car.

Mr. Nathan Massengill spent the last week end in Fuquay Springs with relatives.

Miss Lucy Wellons who lives near town left Wednesday for Greensboro where she entered North Carolina College for Women. She will specialize in music thus working for a B. M. degree.

Mr. E. B. Johnson attended the Johnson reunion held at White Oak Lake, near Smithfield, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Allen, of Falcon, visited at the home of their son, Mr. J. T. Allen, a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Creech, Misses Clyde Sanders and Ruby Stanley, and Miss Mary Pritchard, of Norfolk, Va., spent Wednesday in Coats with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Levinson.

Mrs. J. H. Austin and child returned from Wilmington Sunday where the child has been taking treatment at a sanatorium near Wrightsville Beach. We are glad to note that the baby has improved greatly and trust he will soon be well.

Mr. B. B. Creech was in Coats Wednesday on business.

Mr. Victor Cole spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Miss Leola Sanders returned from Tarboro Thursday where she has been visiting relatives. She was accompanied home by Miss Lilla Richardson who will visit her for some time.

Messrs Roy Johnson, Boyett Blackman and Cleon Sanders went to the ball game in Wilson Wednesday.

Rev. and Mrs. M. P. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Allen were visitors in Sampson County Thursday.

Mrs. N. H. Keen left Friday for an extended visit in Richmond, Va., her former home. Miss Priscilla Ann Cushman, who has been the guest of Mrs. Keen for sometime, returned to Richmond also.

Mrs. B. B. Adams returned home last week from Washington, D. C., where she has been the guest of her son, Mr. Jesse B. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stanley and

CO. COMMISSIONERS RECEIVE BUILDING

Dedication Service Will Be Held Next Tuesday; Offi- cers Moving In

The County Commissioners met here yesterday in special session for the purpose of taking over the new court house. The commissioners in company with Mr. J. W. Stout, the contractor, Mr. C. A. Riddle, who has had charge of the job, and Mr. Harry Barton, of Greensboro, the architect, went over the building after which it was received, and the final payment made to the contractors. It is a magnificent piece of workmanship and the contractors, architect and the entire county are to be congratulated upon the beautiful structure.

Beginning at once, the county officials will move in as fast as the furnishings for the various offices can be placed. The sheriff, auditor, home demonstration agent, farm demonstration agent and welfare office will probably get settled this week. It will take longer for the clerk of the court and register of deeds to get settled on account of the records which will have to be moved. The county superintendent will move next week. The September term of Civil Court which begins next Monday will be held in the new court room.

Next Tuesday has been set apart as the date when the county commissioners will formally present the building, and a program to which the public is invited has been arranged. Talks will be made by the architect, the contractor, by Mr. J. A. Wellons and other members of the Johnston county bar. The building will be received by Judge F. A. Daniels, who holds this term of court. The day will be memorable in Johnston county and a large crowd in attendance upon this dedication service is anticipated.

TRY AGED WOMAN FOR PROHIBITION VIOLATION

FAYETTEVILLE, Sept. 15.—Miss Adeline Ratley, 83 years old, a resident of the Cumberland mill section of this county, faces trial at the next term of the United States district court in Raleigh on a charge of violating the prohibition law. Sheriff's officers and prohibition agents found 187 gallons of wine on Miss Ratley's premises, according to their testimony before the United States Commissioner J. W. Tomlinson. The aged defendant was bound over to this district court under \$100 bond, which she gave. The wine was poured out where it was found at Miss Ratley's home near Cumberland village.

Yale undergraduates are not to be allowed to run their motor cars around New Haven. This may make some spoiled children seek a new haven for their educational ambitions.

Mrs. Mary Runge spent Friday in Raleigh.

Rev. and Mrs. M. P. Davis were visitors in Fuquay Springs last week. Miss Johnnie Lou Davis recently returned from Creedmore where she visited friends for sometime.

Mrs. R. C. Canady spent Friday in Benson with Mrs. C. C. Canady.

Miss Mary Pritchard left Saturday for her home at Norfolk, Va., after visiting friends here in town during the past week.

Quite a number of our people attended the revival recently held at Sanders' Chapel which is five miles below Smithfield. The revival closed Wednesday night with 13 additions to the church. The entire meeting was a success from many standpoints. Large crowds attended, much interest was taken and splendid sermons were preached by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Russel.

The fourth quarterly conference will be held at the Methodist church here next Saturday and Sunday. All the officials of the different churches in the Four Oaks circuit are urged to be present. Anyone else who desires may attend the conference for the sermon by the presiding elder, Rev. J. C. Wooten, of Raleigh, to be preached on Saturday at 11 o'clock, will be worth hearing.