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## LIGHT DOCKET IN RECORDER'S COURT

### Harris Johnson Bound Over To Superior Court; Only Three Other Cases

The Recorder's Court this week had a light docket, only four cases being disposed of Tuesday. The case of most interest perhaps was that of the State against Harris Johnson, of Meadow township, charged with rape. He is about 50 years of age and is charged with criminal assault upon a girl under 14 years of age. He was brought here Sunday, January 28 and placed in jail to await trial. At the court Tuesday, the defendant waived an examination and was bound over to the March term of Superior court without bond.

Other cases disposed of were as follows:

State vs. Willie Corbett charged with carrying a concealed weapon. Defendant was found guilty and was fined \$50 and costs.

State vs. Raiford Joyner charged with assault. Defendant pleads guilty and was fined \$10 and costs.

State vs J. W. Short charged with disposing of mortgaged property. The case was continued until February 13 for judgment.

Court was held on Wednesday for the disposal of civil cases there being only a few on this docket.

### Helping the Farmer

At a recent get-together meeting of bankers and business men of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, called to discuss the continuing depression, its causes and the possibility of effecting a cure, it was the consensus of opinion that if the distress of agriculture could be relieved the country would be prosperous. Among the prepared addresses on the program was one by W. W. Gasser, cashier of the Union National Bank of Marquette, in which he drove home some truths worth bearing in mind. To quote Mr. Gasser in part:

"In view of the fact that between 50 and 60 per cent of the purchasing power of our country is invested in the rural communities, and inasmuch as prices which the farmer gets for his products are not in the proper relation with those he pays for his commodities, it seems that industry and commerce are being hampered by the loss of the farmer's purchasing power, and that one of two things must result—either the farmer must get better prices or the purchasing power of the country will be largely reduced. This, in turn, will cause another depression."

After canvassing the contributing causes for the admitted distress of agriculture, as advanced by other speaker, Mr. Gasser thus treats of the matter of credit:

"My claim is that credit has very little to do with the farmer's present distress, and that the giving of more credit would not help him out, but only get him deeper."

That is sound sense. Most of the plans of farmer's credit consist in soothing his emergency distress by getting him further into debt.

What the American farmer needs, first, is a way to get completely out of debt, and then a way to keep out of debt forever.

Debt and interest are crushing the world, and both will soon have to disappear through the sheer inability of the world to support them.—Dearborn Independent.

### Call Meeting of U. D. C.

Mrs. E. W. Pou, president of the local chapter of the U. D. C., requests all the members to attend a call meeting at her home on Saturday afternoon, February 10, at 3:30 o'clock. Urgent business will come before the meeting.

### SCHEDULE OF STATE INCOME TAX MAN

The State Income Tax deputy clerk, Mr. A. T. Uzzell is due to be in Johnston county in the near future, the following being his schedule:

Enson at Parrish Hotel, Feb. 12.  
Smithfield Hotel, Feb. 13 and 14.  
Selma at First National Bank, Feb. 15.  
Kenly at Edgerton Hotel Feb. 16.  
Clayton at Farmers Bank, Feb. 27.

## RALEIGH VANQUISHED BY SMITHFIELD LADS

(By Donnell Wharton)

In a slow game featured by close guarding, much roughness and frequent upsets Smithfield defeated by 14-7 score the heretofore invincible Raleigh "Whirlwind" here Wednesday night. The game was a rough and tumble fight almost from the beginning with both teams joining in the turmoils with apparent willingness. Starting off with a field goal by Hill, soon followed by two neat shots by Brown from the foul lines, the locals were constantly in the lead, the first half ending with the score at 10-4. The Raleigh team came back in the second half weakened by the loss of Spence and played all but a few minutes of the period before they could find the basket for a field goal while Smithfield counted up four points with Brown doing the counting. Brown was the individual star of the game with four field goals and two fouls to his credit. Hill got the other two goals for Smithfield, while Skinner played his usual good game at guard, Raleigh basketed only two field goals during the entire contest with Smithfield never allowing one player to get free near the visitors goal.

The game was played before the largest crowd that has witnessed a game here this season, estimated at seven hundred and fifty.

Line-up and summary:

Smithfield (14)	Raleigh (7)
Hill	Spence
Right Forward	
Brown	Hawkins
Left Forward	
Stephenson	Waring
Center	
Skinner	Coley
Right Guard	
Godwin	Young
Left Guard	

Substitutions for Smithfield none; for Raleigh Goodwin for Spence. Field goals: Hill 2, Brown 4, Spence 1, Coley 1. Foul Goals: Brown 2 out of 2 chances; Young 3 out of 5 chances. Referee: Ives.

### Death of Henry Capps

On Saturday about two o'clock the Death Angel visited the home of Mr. William Henry Capps and took from them their loving son, Henry Paul, and carried him to a higher place of rest. We all hated to give him up but God knew best. We hope to meet him in that bright world above where there will be no parting, pain nor death.

He was sick only a week with that dreadful disease, pneumonia. We feel that our loss is his eternal gain. He bore all his sufferings patiently. He was laid to rest Sunday evening at Johnson's Chapel. A heart-broken father and mother, six brothers and one sister survive him.

A precious one from us is gone  
A voice we love is still,  
A place is vacant in our home  
That never can be filled.  
—Written by a brother, Herman.

### Austrian Musicians To Be Here

March 1 the Austrian musicians now located at Fayetteville will give one of their concerts. It is confidently expected that this will be one of the very best concerts ever given in Smithfield. One of the musicians, Miss Anita Ast, is a violinist of unusual ability. Another is a well trained pianist. The High School has recently secured a very fine piano and this will be an opportunity for the people of Smithfield to hear an excellent pianist try it out.

### Fiddlers Convention

On Friday night, February 9th at 7:30 o'clock there will be a Fiddlers Convention at Pleasant Grove school, District Number one, Pleasant Grove township.

Admission 25 cents; children under 12, fifteen cents. E

### PRESIDENT HARDING WILL BE A CANDIDATE FOR REELECTION

Senator Watson of Indiana predicted in the Senate Monday that President Harding will be a candidate for re-election in 1924 and will be nominated by the Republicans unanimously. He also stated that the Republican party would present a united front in 1924.

## FARMERS CONGRESS FEBRUARY 15, 16, 17

### Three Big Days Planned for Johnston County to Be Staged in This City

The idea that man does not live to himself alone is slowly but surely sinking deep into the minds of the people. The idea is wholesome, and when all the people come to realize how utterly dependant each one is upon the other for the very existence of all, a new prosperity will sweep over our country like a tidal wave.

The Smithfield Chamber of Commerce has faith enough in this idea of mutual co-operation between the Farmer and the Business Man to give it a test on a grand scale. Accordingly Thursday, Friday and Saturday the 15th, 16th and 17th of February, have been designated as The Johnston County Farmers' Congress. The Chamber of Commerce realizes that it has launched something new and big, and every one of the wide awake members are working day and night that the results of this Farmers' Congress may be big.

The Chamber of Commerce believes that it is time for Johnston County merchants to stop stocking their stores with meats from Richmond, fruits from California, and vegetables from Florida when all of these commodities can be produced and sold in abundance here at home. The Chamber of Commerce desires to give the home farmer and the home merchant the fullest benefit of a mutual exchange of raw and prepared products.

This Farmers' Congress will have the spacious Farmers' Tobacco Warehouse at its disposal. Two car loads of milk cows and two car loads of brood sows, both cow and hogs of the most suitable type for Johnston County will be there for sale. A solid car load of octagon soap and a solid car load of coffee as well as many other articles of merchandise will be offered to the farmers at the lowest possible cost.

The farmers and their wives are invited to participate by bringing poultry, pork, dairy products, farm products, canned fruits and canned vegetables and all manner of salable implements useful on the farm. The idea is to buy, sell and exchange in such a way that all may go away benefitted.

Demonstrations in poultry raising, hog feeding and raising, marketing of farm and dairy products, mattress making and basket making will be made by experts along the various lines. There will be a rest room provided for women and children, and the county nurse will give demonstrations in caring for babies under one year of age.

The above is an incomplete outline of what will be undertaken by this first Johnston County Farmers' Congress. The motives behind it are good, having their origin in the idea that this county is wasting and losing much of material wealth that her people ought to have and enjoy. If enough interest will be taken by the farmers it is easy to believe that great good will result both to the farmer and the merchant. It is a beginning of a new system of conserving and it is hoped that the beginning may have a fair trial.

### COMMITTEE APPROVES BILL TO EXCLUDE JAPANESE

The House Immigration Committee approved an act Monday which would exclude Japanese immigrants and would reduce the percentage of aliens admissible from European countries.

### Mr. Higgins Accepts Position Here

Mr. R. H. Higgins whose home is near Smithfield has accepted a position in the U. S. post office here. He began his duties Monday of this week. Mr. Higgins has taught school in this county for several years but has given up school work to enter the postal service of the government.

### Plans To Move To Durham

Mr. H. I. Ogburn, who holds a position with the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., with headquarters at Durham, spent a few days with his family here this week. Mr. Ogburn expects to move his family to Durham at an early date.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE GENER'L ASSEMBLY

### Ku Klux Bill Is Having A Hard Time; Sanders Introduces State Fair Bill

The interest of the General Assembly Tuesday centered around the Ku Klux bill introduced in the house and known as the Milliken Bill which would require all secret orders to register the names of their members with the secretary of state.

The debate was led by Everett of Durham and Burgwyn of Northampton county. Victor S. Bfyant, of Durham, opened the fight against the bill and made the only set speech delivered on the measure. To publish the names of the members of the Klan would make its members morally responsible for the acts of its members, according to Mr. Burgwyn, but Mr. Bryant contended that no machinery was in the bill to make the Klan sign up its members.

When the vote was taken, it showed very nearly an equal division of opinion, the bill being killed by only three votes. The vote stood 53 to 50.

The bill, however was revived on Wednesday when Representative Whitaker of Guilford made a motion to reconsider the vote of 53 to 50 by which it failed to pass the second reading, and although opponents promptly moved to table the motion, a vote of 70 to 38 is the cause of the measure coming up again. Next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock has been set as the time for reconsideration.

Among the new bills offered in the house Tuesday was one introduced by Dr. R. L. Carr of Duplin providing for a constitutional amendment exempting mortgaged property from taxation to the amount of the mortgage.

Among bills passed on the in the Senate Tuesday Senator Long's bill to deny corporations the right to plead usury thereby making possible the procurement of money at a higher rate of interest than the state law allows by incorporated enterprises. The Senate also passed a bill regulating the practice of optometry which provides that the requirements of a College education shall not become effective until July 1, 1924.

New legislation offered in the House Wednesday developed nothing of a public character except the Sanders bill providing for the release to the State of the property of the State Fair Association on the condition that the State make an annual appropriation for its upkeep and development, and that a great Exposition building be erected there to be kept open the year round. The measure is the same as proposed by the late Col. J. Bryan Grimes.

The Sanders bill sets forth in legislative form the recommendations of the State Agricultural Society for the transfer of the State Fair to the State, and the appropriation of \$25,000 annually for the maintenance of the fair.

The Senate spent a good deal of time Wednesday discussing the Morrison ship bill. The second reading vote was postponed after a three hours' debate over the original measure and a substitute introduced by the opposition.

### MEDIATION FAILS TURKS WILL NOT SIGN TREATY

LAUSANNE, Feb. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—All mediation has definitely failed; Turkey will not sign the Allied treaty at the present time, even with the latest concessions proposed, and within a few hours Ismet Pasha will leave for Angora to consult with his government.

### Team Work Needed

It ain't the gun nor the armament  
Nor the funds that they can pay  
But the close co-operation  
That makes them win the day.  
It ain't the individual  
Nor the army as a whole,  
But the everlasting team work  
Of every blooming soul.  
—Kipling.

### Moved Here From Florida

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Rhodes, of Florida, have recently moved here and have rooms at the home of Mr. Tom Coats on Second Street. Mr. Rhodes was formerly with the Delco Lighting Company in Florida, and is still with this company which has a branch office in Raleigh.

## TURKS BAR WARSHIPS FROM SMYRNA HARBOR

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 6.—The notice given by the Turks that after tomorrow no foreign warship exceeding 1000 tons may enter the harbor of Smyrna and no two ships of one nation will be allowed there at the same time was the subject of a conference of the allied admirals here today, as a result of which Admiral Sir William Nicholson, aboard the British cruiser Curacon, was ordered to Smyrna.

In addition the allied high commissioners here handed a note of protest to the representative of the Angora government. It is understood the Turks will require such ships as do not meet with their specifications to leave Smyrna harbor by tomorrow midnight. — Associated Press.

### EAST CAROLINA EXPOSITION

Will Be Held March 19-25; Each Town May Be Represented By a Queen

The Committee that has charge of the program for the Eastern Carolina Exposition at Wilson March 19-25, has worked out a very unique plan of advertising each town in Eastern North Carolina. This will be known as the "Queen's Contest of the Exposition."

The plan of operation is as follows: Each town in any of the 46 counties covered by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, is entitled to enter a Queen in this contest. Wilson county and Wilson will not have a contestant in this particular contest. Each town will nominate her queen by any method which the local people may see fit. This queen will be certified to the Exposition by the local people from the town from which she comes. She will be supposed to attend the program for Thursday afternoon and Thursday night of the Exposition. At the afternoon program each Queen will be introduced to the audience as Miss Kingston, or Miss Greenville, Miss Goldsboro, or whatever town she may come from. Ballots will be distributed and each person on the inside of the Exposition buildings will be entitled to vote one time for his choice. This same procedure will be followed at the evening program and the voting will be closed at 9 P. M. Thursday night.

The ballots will be collected and the tellers will retire and bring back the winner of the Exposition. At the same time that the out of town queen will be voted on, the Wilson County Queen will be voted on and elected, but will be separate from the other voting. Friday night at 9 o'clock these two Queens will be crowned and each will be presented with a \$500.00 diamond ring from the Eastern Carolina Exposition. As soon as you nominate your Queen please notify the Secretary-Manager at Goldsboro, so that her name may be registered as a contestant. The entrance for candidates will close March 12 and no Queen will be allowed to enter after that date.

It matters not how small the town, you are entitled to one queen. Get busy and select her and let your town get the publicity that will naturally go along with this contest.

### Think Right; or Don't Think

Some people spend a lot of time in bemoaning their faith and bedamning their luck.

The same amount of time and energy, if spent in some useful pursuit or in endeavoring to locate a profitable occupation, would preclude even the possibility of even thinking of luck or fate.

Think of the right side of life—or don't think.—Carolina Banner.

Are you taking your home town paper? No one would know about your community were it not for your paper. It needs your support.

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKED FOR SMITHFIELD SCHOOL

On the night of February 22 Karl Jansen, Norwegian, will give one of his entertainments in the Smithfield High School auditorium. Karl Jansen is probably the best one-man entertainment on the road. He is an entertainer and impersonator of rare ability. He is a favorite wherever he goes. He is to come here under the auspices of the Senior class.

## TOWN CONSIDERS A PLAN FOR A HOTEL

### Takes Steps to Reduce Insurance Rate; Amendment To Induce Business

The regular meeting of the town board of commissioners assumed the proportion of a public gathering Tuesday night when a committee from the Kiwanis club and other interested citizens appeared before the board in the interest of a proposition to build a new hotel in Smithfield—a need that everybody in the city recognizes as being urgent.

The committee of Kiwanians was composed of Messrs R. C. Gillett, Jas. A. Wellons, J. H. Abell, R. P. Holding and W. L. Fuller. Mr. Wellons was spokesman for the committee. It is the idea of the hotel committee to invest \$125,000 in a hotel, \$50,000 of which shall be subscribed in stock by various individuals and in order to raise the remaining needed \$75,000, they made the proposition that the town issue bonds to that amount and lend the money to the stock company. A first mortgage on the property would be given as security for the amount loaned. The plan, as outlined by the committee, would require no taxation to pay the interest on the bonds or retire them as they become due, the hotel building itself being expected to be profitable enough to take care of the investment.

In order to carry out this proposition it will probably be necessary for the legislature to amend the charter of Smithfield. Therefore, after due discussion, a motion was presented by Mr. N. B. Grantham seconded by Mr. W. N. Holt that a committee be appointed on which shall be the mayor, Mr. L. G. Stevens, to get amendment to charter if necessary by which an election may be called to issue bonds to assist in building a hotel.

After further discussion it was decided that the mayor act with Kiwanian J. A. Wellon in the matter. This proposition being disposed of for the present, other matters were taken up. An amendment to a city ordinance provides that from February 6, 1923 all enterprises that shall cost \$10,000 and upwards built in Smithfield for a period of ten years shall be exempt from taxation for 20 years from their erection. This amendment is designed as an inducement for new industries.

Another action of interest to the citizens was taken in regard to reducing insurance rates in this city. Mr. Hunter, representing a fire apparatus company, went before the board with a proposition to add another fire truck to the equipment already owned by the town for fighting fire. He has been in communication with the South Eastern Underwriters Fire Insurance Association, and had letters to show that by buying this additional truck, the rate of insurance in Smithfield would be reduced ten per cent. The town board authorized the buying of the truck. Within ninety days after this purchase a new survey of the town will be made and within thirty days from the survey the lowered insurance rate will be in force. It was estimated at the meeting that this lowered rate would be a saving of \$5,000 to the citizens in this city carrying insurance.

### Nominating Committee Appointed

Wednesday afternoon the Woman's Club held its regular monthly meeting at the club room. After the reading of the minutes and reports of the various committees, a nominating committee to select the new officers for the club was appointed. Those who were appointed for this committee were: Mesdames Edw. W. Pou, H. B. Marrow, E. S. Edmundson, J. J. Broadhurst and H. G. Gray.

### Fields-Vinson

Married in Princeton, Saturday, February 3, Miss Esther Vinson and Mr. David Fields, both of Selma. Rev. W. G. Farrar, pastor of the Methodist church of Princeton officiated.

### ROCKY MOUNT HERE TOMORROW NIGHT

The basketball tossers from Rocky Mount will meet the Smithfield team here tomorrow (Saturday) night at the Banner Warehouse at 8 o'clock.