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NEWS OF THE CITY OF FOUR OAKS

New Hotel Nearing Completion; Juniors Attend Church Services in a Body.

Four Oaks, Nov. 14.—The new hotel being built by E. F. Strickland will soon be completed. The people of Four Oaks are proud of this fact, because we have needed one for a long time. It is to be a modern up to date hotel with running water in each room. It will have a cafe adjoining the hotel which will be opened to the public about December 1st.

Sunday morning the Juniors attended the Methodist church services in a body. The service was very inspiring and the music was beautiful. A quartet was sung by four members of the Junior Order and was enjoyed and appreciated by all. The sermon by Rev. J. A. Russell, the pastor, was very interesting, his text being "Put on the Whole Armor of God" Every member of the congregation was glad to have the Juniors and hope they will attend the services again soon. Sunday night Mr. William Adams donated a lovely Bible to the church. Rev. J. A. Russell, pastor of the Methodist church gave his last sermon before conference. His text for Sunday night was "The Ten Commandments" It is hoped by all that he will come to Four Oaks for another year.

Messrs. Nathan Keene, David Saunders, and Carl and Richard Lewis attended the football game in Raleigh Friday afternoon.

Messrs. Tom Adams and Julius Strickland were in Fayetteville, Friday on business.

Mr. David Lassiter, of Raleigh, spent the week end here with relatives.

Miss Margaret Strickland will spend the week end in Coats, with relatives.

The many friends of Mr. B. B. Adams regret to hear of his illness, but will be glad to know that he is gradually improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Barham Creech and Mrs. J. W. Langdon were in Smithfield Thursday shopping.

Miss Lydia Wells, of Godwin, spent the week end with Miss Esther Creech.

Mr. and Mrs. Barham Creech were in Coats Tuesday on business.

Mesdames. J. W. Sanders, Florence Stanley, Bertha Creech, Messrs. C. E. Parrish and R. A. Bain, and Rev. James A. Ivey attended the Johnston county Baptist association near Kenly.

Miss Rowina Adams, who is teaching near here, spent the week end in Linden with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Privett and children, of Black Creek, spent Sunday here with friends.

Messrs. Jesse and Clarence Stanley were in Richmond last week on business.

Mr. Chester Cole spent the week end in Richmond, Va., on business.

BAPTIZED IN WATER FROM RIVER JORDAN

Shelby, Nov. 10.—A unique accident in baptismal rites occurred here Wednesday when Mrs. B. B. Babington, of North Lafayette street, was baptized with water from the river Jordan on the 86th anniversary of her birth.

The ordinance of baptism was administered by Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor of the Central Methodist church, at the anniversary celebration. Some years ago, Rev. Mr. Stanford visited the Holy land and while there bottled a small vial of water from the Jordan. The vial was brought back to America and never opened until Wednesday.

Mrs. Babington, known throughout the town as "grandma," is one of the most saintly and beloved women in Shelby. Many attended the celebration at which it became known that she has four children, 22 grandchildren, and 31 great-grandchildren.

The prize irony of the week is the action of the klucker legislature of Oklahoma in adjourning an hour on Armistice day in honor of an American army that was full of Jews, Catholics and negroes.—Greensboro

Football Game to Start Today At 2:30 Instead of 3:30

The Sanford-Smithfield football game which was scheduled to start at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon in Raleigh has been changed to 2:30. Coach Rice received a telegram last night from the State College authorities announcing that the State College football players must practice this afternoon and the time is changed to 2:30 in order not to conflict with their practice. All fans please take notice and be on hand this afternoon at Riddick Field, Raleigh and help Smithfield to give Sanford what she deserves—a good licking.

BAPTIST MINISTER TO DISCUSS NEEDS OF SMITHFIELD

To my fellow citizens:

Very cordially I invite all who do not have their own church services next Sunday to be present at the morning and evening services of our church and to study with me what we may do together to make Smithfield an ideal town. Recently I have spent more than thirteen years as pastor in two of the most progressive towns in the State, Burlington and Henderson, studying their almost amazing development. I noted with pleasure last Wednesday night with how much applause a large Smithfield audience greeted one remark of the Chautauqua lecturer, the eloquent cousin of Lloyd George, when he referred to the phenomenal progress of North Carolina in education, and declared that the chief concern of our people during the next ten years ought to be this, to see to it that we make as rapid progress morally as we made mentally during the last decade. This thought will lie at the heart of my messages, next Sunday. I earnestly desire, as far as possible, to get the ear of the entire community, believing these messages are the most vital for all our people, and so I choose these subjects for next Sunday when most of the churches, as I understand are to be without preachers. In the morning my subject will be, "The Function of God's Prophet in the Community Life," and in the evening, "My Dream for a Greater, Better Smithfield."

Touching the first, I may venture even in this announcement to remark that the attitude of any community to the preacher and the estimate placed upon his work is a rather sure index to the estimate which the community places upon religion itself. It is even a fair index to the hold which God and his church have upon the life of the people. Harold Bell Wright makes one of his characters say to the minister, Dan Matthews, "I regard the minister as the most useless man in the community." I presume every community has some who take the same view. But as a newcomer to the community I desire to say that nothing has given me more hope for the future of Smithfield than the evidence on every hand that its people set an unusually high valuation on the preacher as the special representative of God and religion. It gives me a high measure of confidence that the admirable little city which I have adopted as the home of myself and my family will build the structure of its future greatness on the solid rock.

Permit me in this introductory note to say that no town in which my lot has been cast in the past has excelled Smithfield in the display of the amenities to the newcomers. And it is hard to find a better or a more hopeful sign. To illustrate my meaning, last summer I took a never-to-be forgotten drive through the exquisitely beautiful Shenandoah valley. I stopped for some hours in the admirable little city of Harrisburg. I visited places of interest, went into the places of business, and talked to people on the street. Every body seemed at his best, everybody was delightful—everybody delightfully courteous. Every point of contact gave me a happy memory. Unless greater familiarity with the place should disillusion me, I shall carry to my last day the impression that, of all the places I have touched none would be a more delightful place to live than Harrisburg, Va.

TO LEAVE RUHR AND RHINELAND

Germany Unable To Continue Unemployment Doles To These Two Areas.

Berlin, Nov. 14.—After November 25 Germany no longer will be able to meet the drain upon her exchequer for the payment of unemployment doles in the Ruhr and the Rhineland and will then set both these regions adrift, permitting them to shift for themselves.

Unless Chancellor Stresemann arrives at a different conclusion after pending conferences with leaders in the occupied areas, as the Reichstag opposes such a policy it is now believed that the immediate future of the Rhineland and the Ruhr will be wholly determined by the nature of agreements which the local leaders there are able to enter into with the French and Belgian authorities.

The unemployment doles which the German government is paying out to men and women in the Rhineland and the Ruhr will amount to 200,000,000 gold marks in the next ten days.

An anonymous states in the present stage of occupation and under prevailing economic and social conditions is viewed in Berlin circles as inexpedient and not feasible and the inclination in government quarters appears to favor a plan to hold the occupying powers responsible for getting the local populace fed and back to work, and otherwise readjusting completely the desolated conditions in all lines.

Chancellor Stresemann and other champions of the proposed plan to jettison the Ruhr and the Rhineland, so long as they are under military occupation, believe that passing "economic autonomy" is the sole solution to the problem now confronting the government along the Rhine. Any movement in those areas in the establishment of an autonomous state would require the initial support of one-third of the qualified voters and a consequent three-fifths vote for ultimate ratification. The federated states also would have to be consulted in accordance with Paragraph 18 of the constitution of the republic, and this sanction combined with the complications growing out of a plebiscite, impress the Berlin cabinet with the futility of forcing the futility of forcing the issue of an autonomous state at this time.

Passing the Buck

There is an apparent desire to pass along the buck to France and Belgium leaving the German populace to make its peace with the occupying powers for an indefinite period and permitting the central government to wash its hands of the legacy bequeathed it by nine months of passive resistance.—Associated Press.

Camp Supper At Holt Lake

Miss Lucile Johnson delightfully entertained at a camp supper at Holt Lake Monday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Mae West of Mount Airy. A big camp fire was built, and weiners, bacon, eggs and coffee cooked in true camp style. After the delicious repast, the time was spent toasting marshmallows, singing songs, and in pleasant conversation. Those enjoying this occasion were Misses Helene Ives, Ola Smathers, Jessie Penny, Lorene Leonard, Lucile Johnson, Mae West, Messrs. W. J. Huntley, W. A. Wilson, J. N. Cobb, Paul Eason, Carlton Stephenson and O. L. Wilson, Jr.

With no desire to flatter the home of my adoption I am grateful to say that up to the present Smithfield has impressed me in much the same way. It is worth remarking that this suggests our best possible means of advertising. Two great highways intersect in the heart of Smithfield, and daily the world is surging through our town. Daily hundreds of students touch the life of our town, brought by truck from all over our county. These students will be leaders of our people all over the county a few years hence. They are acquiring book learning in our school; will they also absorb courtesy and refinement and high ideals from the people in Smithfield.

S. L. MORGAN.

DAY'S WORK IN RECORDERS COURT

Several Whiskey Cases Among The Half Dozen Tried; Judge Had Busy Day.

A half dozen cases constituted the work of the Recorder's Court Tuesday, the chief facts in which and their disposition by Judge Noble are set forth below.

State vs. John Eason, carrying concealed weapon, and violation of the prohibition law. He was charged under two warrants, one with having whiskey in his possession and the other carrying a concealed weapon—off his premises. The defendant was arrested in the Fair grounds by Chief Cable on the last night of the Fair after the gates had been thrown open to the public. For carrying concealed weapon, defendant was fined \$50 and costs. For possessing liquor was sentenced to a term of three months in jail to be hired out to pay a fine of \$75 and costs.

State vs. Nelson Rhodes, violation of the prohibition law. In a raid made on the defendant's home about five miles from Four Oaks by Federal prohibition officer, J. J. Batten and R. A. Keen, deputy sheriff, between four and five quarts of blockade whiskey in a two-gallon stone jug was found hidden in the defendant's wagon under a pile of corn. In his residence a similar jug was found which had just been emptied, a one-gallon glass jug and a quart bottle were found in each of which was a small quantity of liquor. In the yard and garden near his house three holes were found dug in the ground which showed signs of having had jugs recently hid in them. The defendant did not go upon the witness stand in his behalf. From a sentence of six months on roads, the defendant appealed to Superior Court. Appeal bond fixed at \$500.

State vs. Sam Atkins, assault. Thirty days on roads and pay costs.

State vs. W. F. Webb, assault; \$15 fine and costs.

State vs. Joda Morgan, operating automobile while intoxicated. Three months on roads. Capias to issue at any time within two years upon information that the defendant has indulged in any way in intoxicating liquors.

State vs. Della Smith, violation of the prohibition law. The defendant, a negro woman living on the Ashley Horne estate near Clayton, was arrested when a bottle containing about a third of a pint of whiskey fell from her pocket on the streets of Clayton and broke, spilling the contents over the concrete pavement. The defendant in her behalf stated that she was the mother of fifteen children, that it was the first time that she had ever been arrested or been in the court house as a witness in any case. She stated that on the morning in question she and her husband had gone with a Mr. Vinson to look at a house on the Arch Vinson estate with a view of renting next year. The house had been vacant for a short while and while she was in the house looking around she saw the bottle setting on the mantel and examining the contents, thought it to be camphor and decided to take it home with her. She put it in her pocket and it dropped out after she got out of the auto and started down the street. The defendant proved a good character by the state's witnesses who testified also that when arrested the defendant showed no signs of having drunk any of the contents of the bottle. Upon the evidence Judge Noble found the defendant not guilty, but warned her to be careful in the future about picking up bottles.

State vs. Lonnie Crowder, cursing in the public highway. Not guilty.

TEN MILLIONS OF BONDS SOLD

With six bids but only two bidders for the entire lot, the State sold to the First National Bank of New York and its associates, \$10,649,500 State institution permanent improvement bonds, maturing in forty years. A total of \$3,049,500 were sold at 4 1/2 per cent and \$7,600,000 at 4 3/4 per cent.

M. E. PASTOR READS YEAR'S REPORT

At the evening service Sunday, Rev. D. H. Tuttle who has closed his third year here as pastor of the Methodist church, read the report which he carried to the annual conference being held in Elizabeth City this week.

The report shows 526 members of the local M. E. church, thirty-five having been added during the past year. There have been fifteen removals by death and otherwise, making a net gain in membership of twenty.

The pastor's personal report showed that he had preached 195 sermons during the year, made 825 pastoral calls, had prayers in 291 homes, and distributed a total of 3,930 tracts, Bibles and parts of the Bible.

All of the organizations of the church showed a healthy growth. The Woman's Missionary Society with 82 members has raised for all purposes during the year \$3,199.75. The Bright Jewels raised \$40.25. The Senior Epworth League with 53 members raised \$156.45, one hundred dollars of which was a pledge for missions. The Intermediate League organized only a comparatively short time, has 37 on roll and has raised \$24.15.

The work done at Jones school house between here and Selma has been especially worth while. A Sunday school is conducted at this point there being 60 members. The school has raised during the year \$157.86. Of this amount \$42 was for repairs on the building and \$54.90, on the pastor's salary.

Services At Tent Continue

Services at the tent during the week with a force of Christian workers who are assisting Mr. Matthews have increased in attendance and interest considerably.

Rev. H. R. Faircloth, who is assisting in the meeting this week with the Johnson Union Choir, to do the singing, have attracted large congregations. In the opinion of several of the Free Will preachers who are taking part in the services this week, if the weather continues to be favorable, the seating capacity of the tent will not be sufficient to accommodate all the Free Will people who are going to be in the services Sunday.

In every service this week there have been conversions. All who have attended the meeting during the week have held every night at simple way the meeting is being conducted.

There will be prayer meeting conducted by the laymen from seven to seven-thirty every night. In these services every Christian has an opportunity to say something. Prayer meeting conducted by the women which has been going on in the community for two weeks will continue.

Services are held every night at 7:30, services Sunday afternoon at 2:30 and Sunday evening at 7:30. Everybody is invited.

The Herald Returns Thanks

The Herald office is indebted to Mrs. C. V. Johnson for a handsome bunch of chrysanthemums. These lovely autumn flowers, ranging in shade from deepest gold to purest white, others with pastel colorings of pink and lavender, are a delight not only to the Herald force but to every passerby.

Mrs. Johnson is an adept at growing chrysanthemums and it is well worth a trip to her chrysanthemum garden to see her rare blooms.

Mr. Ennis' Barn Is Burned

Just about the time the Chautauqua entertainment at the high school auditorium began Wednesday evening, the barn and stables of Mr. J. C. Ennis, whose property adjoins the school grounds, were discovered to be on fire. The fire alarm was turned in and the fire company was soon on the scene, but too late to save the barn in which was stored hay, tools, etc. or the stables. An automobile, under a shelter and the stock in the stables were saved. Mr. Ennis who had no insurance estimates his loss at about \$500. The origin of the fire is not known.

LOCAL ELEVEN MEETS SANFORD

Interest Grows In 10th Annual High School Football Championship; Time Changed

The Smithfield Highs will enter their third game in the North Carolina Football Championship today when they meet the Sanford eleven at Raleigh on Riddick Field. This game promises plenty of pep. The Sanford team is one of the best and strongest in the state. The Smithfield team has been putting in some very hard practice and are going to put up a hard fight in the game today.

Those who witnessed the game last Friday between Smithfield and Rocky Mount saw one of the best games played this season between high school teams, and the prospect is good for another such game this afternoon.

This game will be called at 2:30 in order to allow the State College team to practice.

Fifteen Teams Remain In Race

Chapel Hill, Nov. 14.—Interest in the tenth annual State high school football championship contest is growing apace, according to information which has been received here by the central committee from the schools whose teams are still in the race.

Forty high schools entered the contest on November 1 and this number has been reduced by the process of elimination to fifteen, seven of these being in the east and eight in the west.

Interest in the eastern series centers this week at Raleigh, where Smithfield and Sanford play on Friday; at Goldsboro, where New Bern and Wilmington meet on Thursday; and at Chapel Hill where Oxford and Henderson play on Friday. Rockingham high school has a bye this week.

Interest in the western series centers this week at Greensboro where Greensboro and Leaksville play on Friday; at Asheville, where Asheville and the winner of the Salisbury-Statesville game play on Saturday; at Davidson, where Charlotte and Spencer play on Saturday; and at Charlotte, where Shelby and Monroe, great rivals in the 1922 contest, play on Friday.

The semi-finals for the eastern championship and the semi-finals for the western championship will be played next week.

The Raleigh high school won the State high school football championship in 1913, 1914, and 1915. The Charlotte high school won the championship in 1916 and 1917. There was no contest in 1918, due to war conditions. The Chapel Hill high school won the championship in 1919 and 1920. The Fayetteville high school won the championship in 1921, and the Asheville high school won the championship in 1922.

Mrs. Holding Entertains

Mrs. R. P. Holding delightfully entertained the members of the Wednesday Afternoon Bridge Club and a few others Wednesday afternoon at her home on Third street. Autumn leaves with their gorgeous tints and chrysanthemums were used as decorations. The Thanksgiving season was emphasized by "turkey" place cards. Mrs. W. H. Lyon made the highest score and was awarded the prize. Toward the close of the afternoon the hostess served a salad course with hot tea.

Yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Holding was hostess to another group of friends, rock being the feature of entertainment. On this occasion, the refreshments consisted of fig pudding and hot tea.

Four Oaks Baptist Church

Preaching Sunday morning at eleven o'clock by Rev. O. A. Keller, of Benson. Service Sunday night at seven by the pastor, Rev. James A. Ivey.

Sunday school at 9:50.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Monday evening at 8:30.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Monday evening at 7:30.

Sunbeams Saturday afternoon at four o'clock.