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## METHODIST TO PRESENT PAGEANT

### "Save America," Subject Of Program To Be Given By Epworth League.

#### SHOWS CENTENARY

The regular Sunday evening service at the Methodist church will be given over next Sunday to the presentation of a dramatic entertainment depicting the accomplishments and unfinished tasks of the Centenary. The Centenary commission in conjunction with the Woman's Council, has prepared a series of pageants showing the results of the Centenary, and the local church is presenting "Save America" Sunday evening.

The leading characters are represented by Epworth Leaguers as follows:

Home Missions, Miss Willie Mae Meacham.  
Church, Lawrence Wallace.  
Centenary, Arah Hooks.  
Doubt, Mrs. Jesse Coats.  
Ministry, Henry Wellons.  
Church Improvement—Thel Hooks.  
Deaconess, Miss Maude Meacham.  
Student Work, Willard Lawrence.  
Hope, Miss Rose Grantham.  
Prayer, Miss Irene Page Stevens.  
Home Missionary, Miss Carrie Young.  
Childhood, Nell Broadhurst.

The entertainment is under the direction of Mrs. Clifton Beasley, Mrs. L. G. Patterson and Miss Minnie Lee Garrison. Miss Sadie Puckett has charge of the music.

The story to be presented is quite impressive, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

## Recorder's Court Has Heavy Docket

State vs. J. C. Cox, James King, and Dick King, called and failed; \$10 fine each.

State vs. J. B. Webb, charged with violating auto laws. Guilty; thirty days on roads and costs.

State vs. J. B. Webb, drunk and disorderly, driving auto while intoxicated. The defendant was sentenced to four months on roads and required to pay costs.

State vs. Allen Howell, violating prohibition laws. Not guilty and discharged.

State vs. R. L. O'Neal, trespass. Not guilty and discharged.

State vs. R. L. O'Neal, cursing in public highway. Not guilty and discharged.

State vs. R. L. O'Neal, removing fuel. Not guilty and discharged.

State vs. J. A. Barefoot, violating prohibition laws. Guilty on three counts. On first and second counts defendants fined \$50 each and costs. On third count prayer for judgment was continued two years during good behavior.

State vs. Harvey Creech, using profane language on public highway. Guilty; prayer for judgment continued to March 18, 1924.

State vs. George Strickland, disposing of mortgaged property. Guil-

## President Coolidge In New York Speech Outlines His Plans

### WAYNE COUNTY NEGRESS CUTS HUSBAND'S LEG OFF WHILE HE IS ASLEEP

Goldsboro, Feb. 13.—The strangest crime in the history of Wayne county occurred Monday. Arnold and Jeannette Worrell, colored couple living on Edwin Smith's plantation near Fremont, have been separated for some time, but live on the same farm. They had a fuss yesterday afternoon and Jeannette vowed that she would kill Arnold. Late last night Jeannette is alleged to have stolen into her husband's room while he was asleep and cut his leg off with an axe. She escaped and has not been captured. Arnold is expected to die.

## U. N. C FRESHMEN WILL PLAY HERE

### Meet the Smithfield Basketball Team Here Saturday Night at Banner Warehouse

The Smithfield Highs and the University of North Carolina Freshmen meet here tomorrow night in what promises to be a close game abounding in sensational plays. They play in the Banner Warehouse at eight o'clock.

Despite a natural confidence resulting from their many victories this season, the Smithfield lads fear the aggregation from the "Hill." Smithfield has lost only one game this season and that to the U. N. C. Freshmen by a score of 23-15. They intend to turn the tables on the "Freshies" tomorrow night.

This will be the last exhibition game of the season, so if you want to see a good clean basketball game come out Saturday night and help "root" the locals to victory.

Coach Rice says that his men are in good condition and that although a hard tussle is to be expected he feels confident of putting one over on the Freshmen.

### Funeral Of Mr. S. R. Brady

The funeral of Mr. S. R. Brady, who died at his home here Monday was held at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock, conducted by Rev. D. H. Tuttle. A large crowd was present, and quite a number went to Princeton where the body was interred in the Princeton cemetery. The Junior Order of Princeton had charge of the service at the grave. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. Those acting as pall bearers were: Messrs. W. J. Massey, W. T. Adams, J. A. Keen, E. F. Ward, J. D. Stephenson and C. I. Pierce.

It's a wise man who doesn't show his ignorance.

ty; four months on roads and pay costs. The defendant appealed to Superior Court. The appeal bond was fixed at \$250; W. J. Strickland, bondsman.

## Johnston County Will Portray Civil War Scene At Exhibition

Tuesday afternoon Mr. N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Chamber of Commerce with headquarters at Kinston and Miss Olive Jackson, director of the pageant which is to feature the Exposition to be held this spring at Kinston, were in the city and conferred with the local committee in regard to Johnston County's part in the pageant. The historical scene which Johnston County will portray was not decided upon at this meeting but it is quite likely that a scene during the War between the States will be used. The battle of Bentonville may furnish the incident

or just a picture of that time may be given. Probably fifty or more participants may be required to present Johnston's part. These persons will be selected from all over the country. Those present at the committee meeting were Mrs. Chas. Guley and Mrs. John Massey of Clayton, Miss Gladys Kirby and Mrs. George T. Whitley of Kenly, Miss Mary E. Wells, Miss Irene Myatt and Mrs. H. L. Skinner of this city. The committee was enthusiastic and plans are going forward to make a creditable showing not only of the history of this county but of its resources and business possibilities.

## Pledges Criminal Action To Punish Guilty In Teapot Oil Scandal.

### ASKS AID FOR FARMERS

New York, Feb. 12.—President Coolidge, speaking here tonight before the National Republican Club, promised immediate and unshrinking prosecution of the oil land lease cases appealed for national and bi-partisan support for the Mellon tax bill, called for assistance for agriculture from all resources of the country, and defended the sale of arms to Mexico.

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## S. GLENN YOUNG FACES CHARGE

### Forty-eight Indictments Are Returned at Herrin; Prisoners Are Released

Marion, Ill., Feb. 13.—Forty-eight indictments were returned today by the Williamston County grand jury which has been in session here for the past two weeks investigating the acts of S. Glenn Young, dry raid leader, and other raid leaders, the alleged illegal arrest of the foreman of the grand jury, the allegations of theft and assault, advanced by those arrested in the recent raids.

Twenty-four prisoners arrested in Herrin last Friday for alleged complicity in the shooting of Contable Caesar Cagle and other charges, were released today. Among those were George Gallian, sheriff of Williamston county, C. A. Anderson, mayor of Herrin, and several deputies of Sheriff Gallian. This section was ordered by State's attorney Delos Duty following the return of the coroner's verdict in Herrin today.

### Religious Census To Be Taken

Arrangements are about complete for the taking of a religious census of Smithfield by the churches. Workers will likely begin the canvass at the homes next Sunday afternoon. They will continue during the week following, or until the canvass is completed. They will have cards to fill out with data showing the church or Sunday school affiliations of all the members of each family in the town. Such information will be of great service to the churches in enlisting everybody in the proper church or Sunday school. The workers should have the cordial support of everybody in town as they make their canvass.

### Trinity Enrollment Numbers 1057

Trinity College, Durham.—With the registration of a dozen new students at Trinity, the total enrollment for the present year has been increased to 1057, which number is nearly two hundred in excess of any previous enrollment in the history of the College. Among the new students there are two public school teachers taking the special teachers courses, one graduate student, one junior, one sophomore, and seven freshmen.

### Forestry Meeting Feb. 20th

Final arrangements are now being made for the Forestry Convention in Washington, N. C., on February 20, and a most attractive program is assured.

This is a public meeting for general discussion of the subject of a Federal and State Forest Policy. The Geological and Economic Survey, which is cooperating with the Forestry Association in holding this meeting will be glad to furnish further information.

## COOPER TRIAL IN WILMINGTON

### Lieut. Governor W. B. Cooper To Take The Stand Today in Federal Court.

#### T. E. COOPER TESTIFIES

Wilmington, Feb. 13.—Lieutenant Governor W. B. Cooper, of North Carolina, will take the stand tomorrow in federal district court here to defend himself against the charge that he and his brother, Thomas E. Cooper, conspired to defraud and embezzle funds of the Commercial National Bank of Wilmington, of which they were the principal officers. Defalcations exceeding \$71,000 are alleged against the brothers in addition to various other charges of falsification of records.

T. E. Cooper, the younger brother and former president of the defunct bank, completed his testimony just before adjournment this afternoon, after more than a full day on the stand, throughout which he stoutly maintained his innocence of "intent to defraud or deceive," although admitting that transactions on which the charges are based had occurred. The former banker resisted efforts nearly four hours of severe cross examination by District Attorney Irvin B. Tucker.

Today's session packed the court room with spectators attracted by the testimony of the defendant, who was for many years one of Wilmington's leading citizens.

Lieutenant Governor Cooper will take the stand tomorrow supported in his assertion of innocence of the charge by T. E. Cooper's statement on the stand today that his brother had no knowledge of the alleged fraudulent transactions and that no conspiracy existed between them. The district attorney attacked this statement repeatedly as he cross-examined the witness upon the various transactions and in several instances obtained admissions from him that the alleged fraudulent acts were consummated with the knowledge and approval of the board of directors, of which Lieutenant Governor Cooper was chairman.—Associated Press.

### New Books In Library

The Library committee is trying a new plan to provide a few of the new books for the borrowers. As an experiment four books, which have been in demand, have been purchased and a rental of ten cents will be charged to read the books until it shall be paid for. The following may be had now:

The Call of The Canyon by Zane Gray, Tetherstones by Ethel M. Dell, Judy by Temple Bailey, The Mine With the Iron Door by Harold Bell Wright.

The library is open each Thursday afternoon, from three until five o'clock.

### Judge Brooks Moves Office

Judge F. H. Brooks, who has had his law office for a number of years in a building next to the Presbyterian church on Second Street, has moved to an office in the hotel building next to Abell & Gray. The rooms Mr. Brooks is vacating will be used by the Presbyterian Sunday School for class rooms.

### FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP GAME HERE TONIGHT

The first championship game will be played here tonight when Smithfield will meet the strong team from Wendell. They will play on the Banner Warehouse court.

Wendell has not been defeated but once this season and Smithfield has lost only one game. This is expected to be a hard fought game and all fans are urged to come out and help the boys win this game.

Mrs. L. Z. Woodard spent Tuesday in Princeton.

## McADOO CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT CHICAGO ON MONDAY, SAYS ROCKWELL

Chicago, Feb. 13.—A national conference of McAdoo supporters, representatives of labor, farmers "and other liberals" to consider the availability of the former Secretary of the Treasury as a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination was called tonight to meet in Chicago February 18.

"The means you propose for ascertaining whether the present partisan attacks upon you have in any degree lessened the demand for your candidacy is the surest method that can be devised," former Judge David Ladd Rockwell, national director of the McAdoo campaign, said in a letter to the candidate acknowledging the latter's suggestion that such a conference be called.

## HANDKERCHIEF USED TO STOP A TRAIN

### Sister of Dr. L. D. Wharton Flags Train When Her Car Stalls On Track

Mrs. J. I. Medearis, 657 Chestnut street, flagged a southbound freight train at the Summit avenue crossing with a small silk handkerchief Saturday morning. Having stopped the train, she secured the aid of two men, who were walking along the street, and they pushed her car, which had stalled on the crossing, off the tracks. Then the train started and rolled on to the station. Mrs. Medearis and Mrs. Heyman Hagedorn, who was also in the car, apparently were not excited about the matter, witnesses said.

Mrs. Medearis had started uptown in her car. Near the crossing she overtook Mrs. Hagedorn who was walking, and invited her to ride. The car was started but the motor was cold. It hesitated a couple of times just before it reached the crossing. As it reached the southbound track the motor expired, peacefully. Quite a distance up the track a freight train was approaching. It was not close enough when Mrs. Medearis drove on the track for the gates to be lowered. She stepped on the starter pedal several times, and with vigor. Nothing happened.

Then Mrs. Medearis stepped from the car, walked up the track a few feet and waved her handkerchief. The train which was moving slowly, was brought to a halt before it reached Mrs. Medearis. While it stood waiting, two men pushed the machine from the tracks. The gates were lowered, the train resumed its interrupted journey.

Mrs. Medearis got back into the car, as did Mrs. Hagedorn. Mrs. Medearis stepped on the starter pedal. The engine started purring. The car moved off. The motor has been running nicely ever since.—Greensboro Daily News.

The above news story will have a local interest aside from the item itself. Mrs. Medearis is a sister of our townsman, Dr. L. D. Wharton.

## 83 High Schools Enter State Basketball Championship Contest

Chapel Hill, Feb. 11.—Eighty-three high schools have entered the 10th annual state high school basketball championship contest for North Carolina high schools, according to an announcement made today by E. R. Rankin, secretary.

Forty-one of the schools entering the contest are eastern schools and 42 are western schools.

Eastern faculty managers will arrange the schedule of the eastern championship series at a meeting to be held in Raleigh on Tuesday, February 12, and faculty managers of western teams entering the contest will arrange the schedule of the west-

## GROUP MEETING FOR NEXT WEEK

### Dr. R. Y. Winters Of State College To Be At Meadow And Corinth.

#### COMMUNITY PROBLEMS

In December, a number of community meetings were held in various parts of the county under the auspices of the Extension departments of the County and the educational forces. These meetings were in a measure successful, and others are now being planned for other sections. A schedule has been arranged including the following places:

Brodgen—Monday, Feb. 18.  
Meadow—Tuesday, Feb. 19.  
Corinth—Wednesday, Feb. 20.  
Pleasant Grove—Thursday, Feb. 21.

Corbett-Hatcher—Friday, Feb. 22. At these meetings topics of interest and benefit to the community in which they are held will be discussed and plans laid for any improvements that may be needed. All present will come together in a general meeting for a short program, after which departmental meetings will be held, the men and boys discussing problems they wish to solve, and the women and girls doing likewise.

Dr. R. Y. Winters, Cotton Specialist of State College, will be present at Meadow and Corinth, and will talk on "Cotton Under Boll Weevil Conditions."

The hour of meeting at each place is 2:30 in the afternoon.

## Little Boy's Body Is Found in a Park

Youngstown, O., Feb. 13.—The body of a six-year-old boy, badly mutilated, was found in a city park here today by three boys. The dead child is thought to be Paul Prologo, whose parents reported him missing Tuesday night.

Police are holding the lad's stepmother and two men.

The corpse was found in a clump of underbrush with the head beaten to a pulp.

## Pledge \$800,000 in Ga. For Wilson Memorial

Valdosta, Ga., Feb. 10.—The citizens of Valdosta and the Methodist Episcopal Church have united in a project to establish in Valdosta an institution of higher learning to be known as Woodrow Wilson College as a memorial to the War President and world leader for peace.

The people of the city have already pledged \$300,000 and the church \$500,000 toward the college. An appeal for the cooperation of the country, signed by W. D. Peoples, Mayor; J. M. Smith, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and A. J. Strickland, Chairman of the College Committee, asks aid in founding "this lasting memorial to the greatest American that will bless all future generations."

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