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SMITHFIELD NEEDS HOTEL FACILITIES

Register Of Present Hotel Makes Good Showing; Would Be Bigger.

GUESTS FOR A WEEK

For some time a new hotel for Smithfield has been agitated. Steps have been taken in this direction to the extent that the town has voted bonds to the amount of \$75,000 provided that \$50,000 shall be raised in subscriptions. As yet the subscriptions have not been secured. It is understood that the hotel committee is working on the proposition to raise the required amount at an early date. In the meantime Smithfield still needs a hotel.

Mr. R. H. Alford, proprietor of the present hotel, has given us his registration for one week beginning March 10 to March 17 inclusive. More than 175 names appear on this registry showing that Mr. Alford has a good hotel patronage. If Smithfield had a modern, up-to-date hotel the list would probably have been twice or three times as long.

Below we give the names of those who registered at the hotel during the past week and even fifty being registered from states other than North Carolina, from Providence, R. I., to Birmingham, Ala., to Oakland, Cal. Eighty-nine hailed from different towns in North Carolina the remaining number being from this city.

Sunday, March 9: J. H. Wiggs, Annie F. Nicholas, J. F. Harrison, W. L. Fontaine, R. J. Parkinson, F. C. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Bass, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Ives, Mrs. W. W. Cole, C. Davis, N. L. Jones, E. W. Lasley, J. E. Lasley, W. J. Johnson, E. A. Smith, J. R. Lane, D. R. Shaw, R. A. Wellons, J. C. Todd, C. S. Shifflett, W. M. Robbins.

Monday: Minnie Moore, J. H. Wiggs, W. E. Debnam, W. F. Canady, R. B. Whitley, L. G. Stephenson, A. C. Briggs, F. J. Ammons, Z. L. LeMay, D. N. Alexander, W. H. Nance, Mildred McElroy, S. E. Pearce, F. T. Paul, Wm. A. Robertson, T. E. Cook, T. Cook, Jr., J. E. Wood, Lee H. Ruffin, F. K. Broadhurst, C. B. Lawton, A. Roserman, I. E. Allen, B. C. Addington, H. H. Evans, J. W. Valentine, Fielding Dillard, J. V. Thornton, C. C. Arnold, H. I. Ogburn, C. A. Sanders, P. McK. Shifflett, F. C. Williamson, C. L. Williamson.

Tuesday: W. J. Massey, J. H. Wiggs, M. E. Hayes, I. E. Allen, H. Deenes, J. C. King, S. O. Rich, R. B. Whitley, M. C. Pearce, G. R. Martin, W. E. Gregg, H. I. Ogburn, Thos. Harvey, E. Grant, W. C. Martin, St. Julien L. Springs, D. D. Nanny, R. L. Ray, Jas. Raynor, P. G. Black, S. W. Allen, C. M. Waring, W. H. Perry, R. P. Taylor, J. W. Chappell, C. W. Spracher, C. H. Newley, C. E. Arthur, D. A. Vonhugh, D. N. Bussby, E. W. Ragland, W. A. Oliver.

Wednesday: J. H. Wiggs, H. R. Thorp, O. O. Limmerman, A. R. Cross, W. E. Moon, A. L. Whipple, M. H. Hayes, Z. L. LeMay, W. J. Massey, B. F. Read, C. H. Hoagland, H. B. McNair, D. N. Alexander, G. P. Massey, R. N. Hall, W. H. Slaughter, R. V. Smith, A. W. Hardin, N. W. Bradford, G. P. Moon, F. B. Wilkerson, W. W. Brooks, R. B. Burgess, B. M. Elliott, Miss Olin Jackson, W. J. MacDougald, W. L. Sheppard, R. S. Reynolds, R. E. Clinkscales, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Weaver, A. C. York.

Thursday: J. H. Wiggs, E. B. Wells, T. W. Whentuse, F. E. Suelling, James Raynor, G. P. Massey, W. J. Massey, R. A. Wellons, J. M. Black, A. F. Taylor, Jr., B. D. Alexander, S. B. Tarkington, W. B. Strickland, Robert Bivins, S. L. Clement, O. B. Lipscomb, Edmond R. Bullard, A. L. Judy, D. E. McLendon, W. M. Byron, I. E. Esmann, J. V. Thornton, A. R. Wharton, Z. L. LeMay, T. J. Huttssent, Tom J. Moore, J. F. Komp, L. H. Schwoeld.

Friday: J. H. Wiggs, J. G. Scarbon, L. A. McNair, J. N. McNair, J. W. Copping, F. T. Read, Mr. Baker, E. S. Harwell, G. P. Massey, R. A. Wel-

Analysis of City Water

No. F-1091.
Sent by O. L. Wilson, Supt. Water Works.
Location Smithfield, N. C.
Source, Johnston & Stephenson Drug Company.
Marked Town of Smithfield.
Received 3-11-24.
Reported 3-14-24.
Sediment—sl.
Color—platinum-cobalt standard—0.
Turbidity—Silica standard—0
Odor, cold—0
Alkalinity (in terms of Calcium carbonate)—21.8.
Colon bacilli in 1 c. c.—0.
Colon bacilli in 10 c. c. 0.
Total bacteria at 38 degrees C. per c. c.—12.
Total bacteria per c. c. on L. L. Agar—2.
Total acid-producing bacteria per c. c.—0.
C. A. SHORE, Director.
State Laboratory of Hygiene.
J. W. K. Analyst.

COUNTY COUNCIL HOLDS MEET HERE SATURDAY

Forty-five ladies from different parts of the County were present Saturday afternoon in the Commissioners room of the court house for the regular meeting of the County Council of Home Demonstration Work. Miss Garrison, the County Home Agent, had secured Miss Nora Bradford, a representative of the Jello Company, Inc., formerly the Genesee Pure Food Co., to give a number of demonstrations in preparing jello desserts and salads in the county, and she was present on this occasion. As the jello recipes took form, everyone there was delighted with the number of delicious dishes that can be made from jello and with the attractive ways of serving. Those attending the meeting were served a dainty portion of salad and desert.

Following this the Home Agent made her announcements in regard to the Biscuit contest to be given soon, and also concerning the District Federation meeting to be held here in April.

Little Charles James, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. James who live near Holt Lake, delighted those present with several selections on the harp. The young musician was warmly applauded.

Veteran Returns \$695 Check As Too Much

Topeka, Kan., Mar. 15.—If Diogenes will go to Kansas City, Mo., and look up A. G. Schinke, that veteran Greek cynic philosopher may lay aside his lantern and discontinue the search for an honest man. Schinke received a \$695 soldiers' bonus from the state of Kansas for war time service, a state official said today.

The \$695 warrant was returned with the explanation that the amount due was only \$26, according to the Kansas schedule of payment. The story leaked out today when Schinke wrote a staff official inquiring as to why he had not received his \$26 bonus.

Service At The Episcopal Church

Wednesday evening at 7:30 Rev. Mr. Manley will conduct the regular Wednesday service which is to extend through the Lenten season. These services last only an hour and are very beneficial as well as interesting. Everybody is cordially invited.

lons, Johnnie Hanig, Jess Giles, J. V. Thornton, L. J. Carter, Miss Kate Stone, E. A. Myers, R. R. Griffin, A. R. Breedlove.

Saturday: J. H. Wiggs, L. L. Worley, Z. L. LeMay, Jno. T. Willis, Jr., R. A. Wellons, C. Davis, Rhoda E. Winstead, I. D. Gill.

Sunday: W. H. Austin, J. H. Wiggs, R. A. Wellons, W. W. Greer, Z. L. LeMay, S. H. Abott, Wolff.

It will be noticed that the number of guests during the week end is smaller than other days.

HAPPENINGS OF STATE AND NATION

Judge Wilbur of Calif., Named To Succeed Denby as Secretary of The Navy.

EDGAR A. GUEST IN STATE

President Coolidge has sent to the Senate the nomination of Judge Curtis D. Wilbur, of California, to succeed Edwin Denby as Secretary of the Navy. Judge Wilbur, who is Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, is a graduate of Annapolis. This will be Judge Wilbur's first executive position.

An aged watchman, 91 years old, David Crockett Jones, of Reidsville, died Saturday following injuries sustained when an automobile knocked off the railroad track by a train, hit him. For all his 91 years he was said to be active and vigorous up to his death.

Fire losses in the United States in 1922 totaled \$506,541,001. The careless smoker was found to be the cause of the greater number of fires, according to the national board of underwriters. Defective chimneys and flues caused the greatest loss.

Edgar A. Guest, perhaps the most popular American poet today, delivered an address at Flora MacDonald College at Red Springs Thursday night, giving in the course of his speech a number of his poems. Mr. Guest, who holds a position with The Detroit Free Press, has been spending his vacation in Pinehurst. He returns to Detroit Friday.

Charles Livengood, Jr., of Durham is champion speller of the North Carolina elementary schools. Twenty-two young grammar school spellers from the six districts of the State gathered in Raleigh Thursday morning for the contest which lasted from 9:30 until one o'clock. Miss Elizabeth Keys of New Hanover County gave young Livengood a close chase.

Judge William S. Kenyon, who was offered by President Coolidge the appointment as Secretary of the Navy, has declined. The final answer was given after considering for two days the offer.

The 5,000-ton freighter Santiago, bound from Cuba to Baltimore with a cargo of sugar foundered last week sixty miles south of Cape Hatters. A radio message reported eleven of the crew rescued in a life boat with 24 men missing. The freighter was valued at \$400,000, and her cargo of sugar at from \$900,000 to \$1,000,000.

Mayor Proclaims Clean-up Week

A Proclamation

It is only meet and proper at this time of the year when the citizens of the community are beginning to feel that spring of the year has come, and the odds and ends of the backyards and other kindred places are being put in order, that we should consider the fire hazard within our State and especially in our own town. We have in North Carolina, what is known as Clean-Up and Fire Prevention Week, this campaign for a cleaner and better town should appeal to every citizen within the corporate limits and elsewhere. Naturally the fire hazard does appeal to every citizen; out of a total of eight million dollars lost last year by fire more than ninety per cent consisted of commercial and manufacturing properties. Citizens make our city look pleasant to the stranger within our gates, lets all clean up and otherwise renovate our premises both residential and commercial;

Now, therefore, I John A. Narron, Mayor of the City of Smithfield do designate and set apart the week of March 24th to 29th inclusive, as Clean-Up and Fire Prevention Week, to be observed by being diligent in making our premises more beautiful as aforesaid and reducing the fire hazard as much as possible.

Done in the City of Smithfield, N. C. this the 18 day of March, 1924.

JOHN A. NARRON,
Mayor.

By the Mayor:
W. L. FULLER,
City Clerk.

TOWN CONSIDERS SPECIAL CENSUS

Action Taken At Board Meeting In Regard To Station Crossing.

A. C. L. TO MEET BOARD

The March session of the Town Board of Commissioners was an important event in the town's history, if steps taken at this meeting materialize, and the indications are that some of the plans at least are in a fair way to come to pass. Every citizen of the town is aware that Smithfield has a population well beyond 1895, the number given us in the census of 1920. Since that year, when the Federal census was taken, the town limits have been enlarged and including the outlying districts, probably between three and four thousand people belong to Smithfield. In view of this fact, the town board is considering a new census under the supervision of the Federal bureau which will certify an accurate population of today. Three North Carolina towns last year had a special census—High Point, Greensboro and Mount Airy, and a letter from Congressman Pou to Mayor John A. Narron, indicates that the chance of securing a special census of this city will only be contingent upon the town's bearing the expense that will be incurred in this work.

Another step taken at the recent meeting of the board was in regard to the dangerous grade crossing at the station.

Two ordinances were introduced which were laid on the table awaiting definite action a month hence, which if they became laws will certainly lessen the danger of train accidents at this crossing. One ordinance makes it a misdemeanor to operate a train through Smithfield at a greater speed than twenty miles per hour, a violation of which shall be punishable by a fine of \$50 for each offence. The other ordinance makes it a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of \$50 for every day that the crossings at the Smithfield station are not manned by a watchman or by some mechanical or electrical device. Notice of this action of the City Fathers has been served on the officials of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway and in consequence a meeting has been arranged for tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. This meeting will be held in the commissioners room of the court house and any one interested will be welcome. The town board will be present in full force and also representatives of the A. C. L. who will discuss the situation at length.

Mah-Jongg Dress Appears

Paris, March 16.—The Mah Jongg dress made its initial bow to the Parisian public at the Auteuil race track today on the occasion of the annual running of the Grand Prix du Printemps, which coincided with the first real breath of spring. It was the first outdoor display of the styles and creations of the 1924 season, which heretofore, owing to the chill weather and tardy spring, were visible only behind dress-maker's shop windows.

The Mah Jongg dress consists of three distinct frocks, entirely independent, one from another, but worn all at the same time and presenting a delightful "fused color" effect. Over the inner dress of yellow crepe is placed a similar dress of grey and over that one of black. Other colors blend with less success; some seen today presented a rather rainbow effect. The three dresses can be worn single, separate or jointly and severally.

JOHNSTON BAPTISTS TO HOLD MISSION RALLIES

The Baptists of the Johnston County association are arranging a series of mission rallies aiming to reach all the churches of the association. Two meetings are arranged for this week, the same program in the main being given at each place. The meetings begin at 10:30 and continue through the day, special emphasis being put on the night session beginning at 7:30, when it is hoped one or more able speakers from a distance will be had for addresses. Perhaps also the missionary pageant recently rendered at the Smithfield Baptist church will be given at the evening session.

Following is the program in part to be given at Clayton Wednesday and at Noble's Chapel Thursday.

Foreign Missions, Rev. S. L. Morgan; Home Missions, Rev. R. M. von Miller; Christian Etewardship, Rev. J. A. Ivey; Christian Education, Rev. R. C. White; Social Service, Rev. C. H. Cashwell.

All Baptist churches within reach of these meetings are expected to have as many of their membership as possible at the meetings.

Epworth Leagues To Meet Here In April

Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock the Epworth League council composed of the officers of the Beckwith Epworth League were present a hundred per cent strong at a three course dinner in the Methodist church basement, the purpose of the occasion being to formulate plans for the District Institute which will be held in this city April 25 and 26. Messrs. Philip Swartz, district secretary and Lee Davis, editor of The League page in the N. C. Christian Advocate, of Raleigh, and Rev. D. H. Tuttle were guests of the evening.

Mr. Tilden Honeycutt, president of the league, had charge of the program. The chief speaker on this occasion was Mr. Swartz, who outlined a tentative program to be used during the Institute. A round table discussion followed and the final program adopted will be announced later. It is earnestly desired by the Smithfield League that every Methodist Church in the Raleigh District, whether it has a league or not, send delegates to this Institute. The delegates will be entertained in the homes of the Leaguers.

Mr. R. Lambert Dead.

Mr. Ed S. Coats of Pleasant Grove township was in town Friday and told us of the death of Mr. R. Lambert. Mr. Lambert had been in bad health for sometime and for weeks had been confined to his room. He was about 65 years of age. Mr. Lambert was county surveyor having held this position for a number of years.

CRIMINAL TERM COURT ADJOURNS

Jeffreys, Negro Held For Rape, Gets Fifteen Years In The Pen.

CASE NOT GIVEN TO JURY

The second week of the March term of Criminal Superior Court continued until Saturday afternoon, the outstanding case of the week being that of the State vs. Buster Jeffreys, a seventeen year old negro of Selma charged with rape of 27-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ricks, who live near Selma.

A special venire of more than fifty men was summoned and a jury was selected Thursday. The morning session was given over to state testimony, six or seven witnesses being put upon the stand, Doctors Noble, Vick and Person who concurred that from examination of the child the crime had been attempted.

The chief witness of the defense was Lula Jeffreys, mother of the defendant, who told of reaching home on the evening of January 30, the day the crime was committed, at about 6:30 o'clock and finding the defendant in the house building a fire. She told of hearing the child, Margaret Ricks, crying in the yard, and of her carrying her to her home about 75 yards distant.

The state built most of its testimony on the close proximity of the defendant and the accused, the little girl, though the child's testimony was ruled out on account of her age.

A motion to nol pros the case was made by E. J. Wellons, representing the defendant, but Judge Allen refused, stating that although, in his opinion, the state had not produced sufficient evidence to show that rape had been committed by Jeffreys, he was going to let the case go to the jury and if found guilty on the evidence he would take it to Supreme Court. The defense, however, finally submitted to attempt to commit rape and the judge passed a sentence of fifteen years in the penitentiary without the case going to the jury.

E. J. Wellons and Ira Raynor, of Benson, represented the defense, while the solicitor was assisted by S. S. Holt.

Another case disposed of Saturday was the State vs. Richard Brown, of Boon Hill township. Brown was charged with assault with deadly weapon upon a negro woman aged about 65 years. The evidence of the defense stated that the assault was made while under the influence of liquor and not with intent to kill. He was convicted and sent to the roads for six months.

\$443 Raised for Worn Out Ministers

On Sunday, the first of the offerings to be applied on the \$10,000,000 fund to be raised by the Southern Methodist church within five years, the interest on which is to be used for aged and infirm preachers, widows and children of deceased ministers, was taken at the Methodist church here, the cash collection amounting to \$443.00. Thirty days will be allowed to complete the drive for \$600, the quota for this church. As a result of the effort to raise this sum, a great deal of information concerning the living conditions of the Methodist preacher and his family, has been disseminated.

Girls Lose To Wilmington

The Girls Basket Ball Team went to Warsaw Friday night where a championship game was played with Wilmington. The locals were defeated the score being 39 to 20.

M. E. Prayer-Meeting

Prayer meeting will be held at the Methodist church Wednesday evening at 7:30 conducted by the pastor. The service will be in the interest of the young people especially, in preparation of Decision Day in the Sunday school.