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## TOBACCO OPENING DRAWS BIG CROWD

Close To A Quarter Million Pounds Brought From A Dozen Counties Sell Well.

### BIG BREAK YESTERDAY

The very large crowd which was in Smithfield Tuesday, Sept. 2, to attend the opening of the tobacco market here, is splendid evidence that this market is known far and wide. Tobacco from Moore, Lee, Harnett, Wake, Wayne, Sampson, Wilson, Cumberland, Hoke, Roberson and Bladen counties was sold on the floors of Smithfield warehouses besides what Johnston County farmers brought. Both the auction and Coop. warehouses were opened Tuesday and close to a quarter of a million pounds of the golden weed were marketed here that day. The Banner led as to the amount handled, about 130,000 pounds being handled there. Between fifty and sixty thousand pounds was sold on the floors of the new warehouse, and the coops are reported to have received about the same amount.

On account of an unusual amount of rain during the growing season, the quality of tobacco was not so good as in some years, but the prices received were considered good. Most of the farmers seemed well pleased over the prices, which ranged as high as sixty-five cents. Twenty-one cent was about the average paid, which for first primings was considered satisfactory. The advances made by the Cooperatives averaged around nine cents.

The whole of Tuesday was required to sell the tobacco at The Banner, and it was not until Wednesday that the sale took place on the New Smithfield Warehouse.

Yesterday saw another big break over a hundred thousand pounds being sold on the auction floors.

### Parker-Wood Families Hold Reunion

One Saturday, August 30, the people began to gather at the John W. Wood old place, now the residence of W. G. Adams in the lower part of Johnston County and of Banner township, about nine o'clock a. m., and it was a continual roar of cars until twelve o'clock, and many went in buggies, wagons and trucks. They came from Johnston, Wake, Harnett, Sampson, Nash and Hoke counties. Many who attended this Parker-Wood reunion say that it was the largest that they ever attended, those present being estimated at from fifteen hundred to two thousand people.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. W. Y. Moore by inviting the congregation to join in singing "In the Sweet By and By." Mr. Moore then introduced Rev. J. W. Dowd, of Harnett, to conduct the Scripture reading which was the twenty-third psalm. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. Y. Moore. The welcoming address was made by Mr. J. P. Parker who then introduced Mr. Jefferson Barefoot, of Benson, who spoke for about thirty minutes on Loyalty. This talk was splendid and enjoyed by all present. The congregation then joined in singing Coronation after which dinner was spread in the large grove below the road where a table had been prepared. The table was forty yards long but when the good ladies began to spread the good things to eat it was soon found that we had to have more room, so all got up and added about twenty more yards which was soon filled. From everybody gathered near as possible and Rev. Mr. Dowd returned thanks after which everybody seemed to enjoy themselves for about forty minutes of the good things that the ladies had prepared to eat.

In the afternoon everybody gathered in front of Mr. Adams' house and the congregation joined together in singing one song, "The Promised Land." Then Elder Xure Lee preached the sermon which was enjoyed by all present. Mr. Lee then invited all

### First Bale of New Cotton Sold Here

The first bale of new cotton to be sold here was brought Wednesday by Mr. Robert Barbour, of Smithfield, Route 1. The bale weighed 480 pounds and was ginned by J. W. and W. M. Sanders at Four Oaks. It was bought by W. M. Sanders & Son of this city, and brought 25.30 cents per pound.

The cotton was grown on the farm of Mr. Will H. Lassiter. The seed were of a selected early variety of big boll cotton.

## GROWERS PLEASED WITH PAYMENTS

(By S. D. Frizzell)

Raleigh, Sept. 3.—The Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association opened its third season at 34 markets in Eastern North Carolina Tuesday, September 2, with the highest cash payments ever made to its members. The majority of Association grades were raised from one to two dollars a grade and the members who doubled last season delivered, on the opening day by bringing over half a million pounds of the week to their own warehouses, were thoroughly pleased with the Association advances and grading. The ability of every member to get 75 per cent of the cash value of every delivery as established by the bankers, has proved a great advantage to the organized tobacco farmers. Payment of \$600,000 by the Association to its Eastern Carolina members on September 2 will bring their receipts of the 1923 crop to 87 1-2 per cent of the bankers' valuation. This will be followed a few days later by a complete settlement on the crop of 1922. This will be followed in a few more weeks, according to the prediction of General Manager R. R. Patterson of the Association, by complete settlement on all of 1923 deliveries if successful sales of the cooperative tobacco continue at the present rate. Members of the Tobacco Association no longer ask, "When will the next payment come?" but "When will the Association payments stop coming?"

### WILLIAMS STOCK COMPANY HIGHLY PLEASE AUDIENCE

Maintaining its usual high standard of comedy drama the Williams Stock Company has played to a well filled house every night this week at their tent theatre on Market st.

The Company headed by Miss May Blossom Williams was charming and her appearance at each performance was greeted with much applause.

Miss De Gafferly, appearing in the comedy parts, displayed her ability as America's premier comedienne she handling every humorous situation in the plays in an excellent manner.

The male members of the company carried their respective parts in a most commendable manner, the roles to which they were assigned being especially difficult.

The plays which the Williams Co. are presenting this week to Smithfield are conspicuous in the absence of anything that might in the least be offensive to the most critical. Smithfield folks, will indeed, look forward with pleasure to their return next season.

to join in singing "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Mr. Ezra Parker was called to the stand and spoke about ten minutes. He sang "Best Be the Tie That Binds."

The following children of the late John W. Parker were present: E. B. Parker, of Hope Mills; Aldridge Parker, Manchester; Mrs. Ezekiel Barefoot, Benson; Mrs. John W. Hardison, Hope Mills; Mrs. W. A. Blackman, Shady Grove; Mrs. John R. Marler, Four Oaks; Mrs. A. B. Johnson, Falcon; and Mrs. Matthew Raynor, Benson.

—One Present.

## REVIVAL TO BEGIN AT M. E. CHURCH

Pastor To Be Assisted By Miss Carolyn Hosford, Who Will Have Charge of Music.

### FIRST SERVICE SUNDAY

A series of revival services will begin at the Methodist church here Sunday morning. Rev. D. H. Tuttle, the pastor will do the preaching at night except Sunday night, when Miss Carolyn A. Hosford, of Conway, S. C., who is to assist with the music will have charge of the service. Sunday morning Mr. Tuttle will preach on the following subject: "Digging Ditches For The Incoming Stream of The Water of Life."

Miss Hosford will not only have charge of the music Sunday evening but she will also speak. This will be Miss Hosford's first visit to Smithfield but she has helped in revivals at other places in North Carolina, and her work is well spoken of. Among the places she has been are Roxboro, Burlington, Troy, and Lumberton. The Troy Record made the following comment during her stay in Troy:

"Rev. Carolyn A. Hosford is no novice in her work and possesses the art of getting people to sing. Attractive in appearance, frank, open hearted, deeply sincere and reverent, ready in wit, always smiling, she captivates her audience at once. Her voice and manner of speech reflect the Southern atmosphere where she was early trained, although her work has been distributed through the centers of population in both North Carolina and South and into Canada. The Saxophone which Miss Hosford uses so attractively in her song services was a gift from two of her Southern Chorusers."

### Enjoys Pleasant Trip

Mrs. J. S. Stancil returned Sunday, August 24, from a very pleasant trip which extended over four weeks. Two weeks were spent in Jacksonville, Fla., where she visited four of Jacksonville's delightful parks. While there she went to Artiga Island where many beautiful homes are being built. Pensacola, the world's largest naval air station was the next place of interest. Here she two sons, Messrs. Willie and Herbert Stancil, are located as second class machinists. They showed her many interesting things at the station regarding air and sea planes. They also took her to places of interest, Bayview, Gulf Beach, and Old Spanish Fort, the oldest in the United States, being visited.

While away Mrs. Stancil went to Coffee Springs, Ala., where her brother, Mr. Clifton Sasser, lives. They had been separated for fifteen years and the reunion was pleasant for both brother and sister.

### Commissioners Meet and Fix Tax Rate

The County Commissioners at their regular meeting here Monday fixed the tax rate for the county which totals 95 cents on the hundred dollars worth of property exclusive of special taxes which have not yet been worked out. The levy includes 70 cents for schools; 15 cents for general county expenses; and ten cents for court house. The last two items remain the same as last year but the school tax is increased ten cents. The school budget presented by County Superintendent Marrow amounts to \$300, \$17.50. Two hundred thirty-six thousand of this amount is for teachers salaries; \$40,000 for operating and equipment; and \$24, \$17.50, for repayment of loans. With only about 43 million dollars worth of property it requires a levy of 70 cents.

## NEWEST LAW FIRM IS GRADY & GRADY

Senator Paul D. Grady and Chas. H. Grady Open Offices at Kenly and Smithfield.

### BOTH ARE JOHNSTONIANS

On Monday, September 8th, 1924, a new law firm will enter the legal field in Johnston County.

Senator Paul D. Grady of Kenly and his brother Representative Charles Grady of Dare County will form a co-partnership for the general practice of law with offices over the Post Office (formerly occupied by Hon. E. S. Abell).

Charles Howard Grady who represented Dare County in the Legislature during the sessions of 1923 and 1924 is moving his family to Smithfield this week. He has purchased the home recently occupied by Mr. Howard Gray. Mr. Grady was educated at Donaldson's Military Academy, Wake Forest College and the University of North Carolina. He has been practicing law for the past two years at Manteo in Dare County. Mr. Grady is a Mason, a K. P. and a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

Senator Paul D. Grady is well known to the people of the county, having represented them in the house of Representatives at Raleigh in the sessions of 1919-1920-1922 and having represented the eighth senatorial district in the senate in the sessions of 1923 and 1924 and being the Democratic nominee to represent this district in the coming session of the senate in 1925. All indications point to the election of Senator Grady as President of the Senate in the 1925 session. He has made his home on his farm near Kenly for the past several years and will continue to reside there but will be actively engaged in the practice of law with his brother. They will maintain offices both at Kenly and Smithfield. Senator Grady received his education at the Tennessee Military Institute, Wake Forest College and Washington and Lee University. He has been practicing law since 1911. He is a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner, a Woodman, a Junior and an Odd Fellow.

These two young men with their training and experience will make a strong legal team and will add strength to an already strong bar in Johnston County. They are the sons of Dr. J. C. Grady of Kenly who has been practicing medicine in this county for thirty years. He is a member of the County Board of Health and is also the Councilor for the fourth district of the North Carolina Medical Society. He has been actively identified with public affairs in the county for a quarter of a century, and has been a leader in the development of the northern section of Johnston County where in addition to his large medical practice he has been extensively engaged in farming and in the development of the interests of the town of Kenly. He has served for a number of years as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Kenly High School and as a member of the Board of Alderman of the Town of Kenly and is at present the Health Officer for the town of Kenly.

The friends of these young men predict a splendid success for them in their new work and all welcome Charles Howard Grady back to the county of his nativity.

### NASHVILLE OAKS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

The Selma baseball team lost the championship of the Small Town League when it suffered defeat of the hands of the Nashville Oaks on the former's diamond Monday afternoon. At the end of the close game the score was 8 to 6 in favor of Nashville.

### Community Grove Mission

There will be preaching at Community Grove Mission Sunday morning at eleven o'clock also Sunday night at 7:45 by Rev. J. L. Davis.

### Republican Candidate For Gov. To Speak Here

Col. I. W. Meekins, Republican candidate for governor of North Carolina, will address the people of Johnston County at the court house here on Wednesday, September 10, at the noon hour. All voters, regardless of political affiliations, are cordially invited to hear him discuss the issues of the campaign. Seats will be reserved for the ladies and they are urged to attend the speaking.

## NUMBER CASES IN RECORDERS COURT

The following cases were disposed of in Recorder's Court here Tuesday, September 2:

State vs. Johnnie Clark, charged with violating the prohibition laws. He was found guilty on two counts. On first count he was sentenced to four months on roads. On second count he was taxed with the costs. Prayer for defendant was continued for two years. Sentence will begin November 1. Appearance bond to appear November 1 was fixed at \$500.

State vs. Hadley Pence, Orley Pence, Theo Price and Junius Howell, assault. Theo Price and Junius Howell not guilty. Hadley Pence and Orley Pence found guilty and fined \$10.00 each and one-half of the costs.

State vs. Jesse House and Ivory House, assault. Jesse House was found guilty. Ivory House guilty and fined \$10 and costs.

State vs. Millard Lane and Bara Lane, assault. Bara Lane not guilty. Millard Lane guilty. Upon payment of costs prayer for judgment was continued for two years.

State vs. J. W. Barbour, assault upon female. Not guilty on second count. Fined \$50 and costs on first count.

State vs. W. J. Jones, fraud. The defendant plead guilty. Prayer for judgment was continued for two years upon paying costs and paying prosecuting witness \$37.44.

### Mr. Monroe Barnes Dead

Mr. Monroe Barnes, a prominent merchant and farmer of Wilders township died Tuesday morning following a stroke of paralysis, which he suffered the previous Wednesday. He was a successful business man and had accumulated considerable property estimated at \$75,000. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock and interment was made at Salem church. Elder J. T. Collier of Micro, conducted the funeral services. The deceased is survived by a wife, two sons and four daughters.

Among those from this city who attended the funeral were Messrs. F. H. Brooks, W. J. Massey and W. T. Adams.

### BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday school 9:30, T. S. Ragsdale superintendent. The school is growing especially the young men's class. Be a booster. The revival meetings to be conducted by Dr. John F. White are just a month off. The pastor, Rev. S. L. Morgan, will begin Sunday a series of vital sermons on concentration for soul-winning, which will be the main theme until the beginning of the revival meetings. All members, especially the young people, are earnestly invited to hear the entire series. Miss Frances White is expected to be with us Sunday and to sing Everybody is cordially invited.

### TO CLEAN UP ANTIOCH CEMETERY

Next Wednesday, Sept 10, has been set as the day for cleaning up the cemetery at old Antioch. A new wire fence will be put up. All who have relatives buried there are requested to be on hand with tools, and be prepared to help pay for the new wire.

North Carolina has the largest Hosiery Mills in the World.

## CITY IS WORKING FOR SHORT ROUTE

Will Also Extend Invitation For East Carolina Exposition To Be Held Here In Spring.

### PLAN FOR WHITE WAY

Smithfield means to do her part in the effort to locate the Florida-Carolina Short Route through this section, and the town board at its regular meeting Tuesday evening appropriated \$150 to be used to help pay the expenses of the campaign. Mr. T. C. Young, who is president of the organization working for this project, and he put the matter before the town board. If only a small per cent of the hundred thousand tourists going from North to South and back again every year, can be diverted to this shortened route, it will be well worth while to the towns through which it passes.

Another thing that is calculated to give Smithfield quite a boost if it should be carried through, was considered at the meeting Tuesday evening, that of having the East Carolina Exposition here next Spring. Two members of the Board of Directors of the East Carolina Exposition are Smithfield men, Messrs. W. H. Austin and T. C. Young, and these together with Mayor John A. Narron and a committee from the town board will carry an invitation from Smithfield to the Board of Directors which meets in Kinston this afternoon. They will carry letters from the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, the Woman's Club, and the Business and Professional Woman's Club offering their support to the Exposition should it come to this city. The requirements for locating it in any town is for a warehouse to be furnished to hold it in, free water and lights and the support of the community.

Steps looking toward a white way for the business streets of Smithfield were taken at this meeting, and a committee was appointed to get estimates upon the cost. The committee is composed of Messrs. W. N. Holt, R. C. Gillette and E. S. Edmundson. Mr. Cuff, representative Westinghouse Electric Co., was present at the meeting and talked upon this matter.

### Choir Leaders Requested to Meet

The choir leaders of Johnston county met at Yelvington Grove last Sunday and perfected an organized choir to sing at the Sandhill Fair at Pinehurst on October 28. Mr. R. E. Thomas was selected leader with C. B. Thomas as his assistant. S. P. Honeycutt was chosen president and J. B. Benton vice-president.

Mr. Thomas requests all the choir leaders in the county to meet with him Sunday, September 7, at 2:30 o'clock at Johnson Union church four miles from Smithfield on the Raleigh highway. It is very important that the leaders meet Mr. Thomas. Let's have a singing choir that will be an honor to old Johnston.

S. P. HONEYCUTT,

President.

—Benson, N. C., September 4.

### New Colored Demonstration Agent

McKay McNeill, of Duke, was recently appointed by Mr. C. R. Hudson, State agent for colored extension work, as colored farm demonstration for Johnston County. He will fill the vacancy made by L. R. Sanders who resigns same time ago. McNeill was educated at Hampton Institute, Va. At present he is living at Duke, but expects to move here within the next few weeks.

### A Family Reunion

A family reunion will be held at the home of H. W. Tart, of Meadow township on the first Sunday in September. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well filled basket. Come one and all and enjoy the day together.

H. W. T.