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## CHAPEL EXERCISES PROVING POPULAR

Special Music By Music Faculty a Feature On Mondays, Mr. Franks' Talk

### SPEAKS ON "CHOICES"

The special music at the Smithfield High School on Mondays by the music faculty is proving very popular with the students. It is quite evident that the music teachers are taking this special music seriously, for their performance shows careful preparation for the occasion.

On Wednesdays the ministers of the town have charge of Chapel exercises.

On September 29 Miss White sang "On the Road to Mandalay", by Speaks, and on yesterday morning Miss Jones played "An Indian Lament", by Fisher.

Mr. Franks read some verses yesterday from the last talk of Joshua to his people and then spoke to the students briefly as follows:

"Moses led the Israelites from Egypt and near to the promised land, but he was not permitted to lead his people into that land. Joshua was the successor of Moses. He led the Israelites across the Jordan, fought and conquered the natives, and settled his people in what we usually speak of as Palestine. Near the close of the life of that great leader he called his people together and delivered to them a solemn and powerful sermon in which was the ringing challenge: 'Choose ye this day whom ye will serve.'

"I want to call your attention to this important fact: that in our religious life and in our secular life we are all each day choosing whom or what we will serve. No matter whether the minister brings the command to us from the Lord or not, we have to choose anyway. Today we have to choose whether we will serve God, or not serve Him. Today we must choose whether we will serve the right or the wrong.

"There is a boy up there in the balcony who has it in him to finish high school with high grades, go through a first class medical school, spend two years as an interne in a hospital, and then go out into the world as a highly trained physician or surgeon to help relieve pain and disease and ill health, and incidentally receive large financial rewards. But that boy can also drop out of high school and get a small job with prospect of an honored place in a little pay and no opportunity for the future. A little money now may look more attractive to him than the noble profession and its great financial rewards. That boy has to make his choice.

"There is another boy yonder who likes good fun. That is all right, but what sort of fun is he going to have? Well, he may learn more about football than any other boy in Smithfield. He may devote a regular amount of time each day there is practice to doing the hardest work of any boy on the field. He may leave off cigarettes and other bad habits which will weaken his body and his nerve. In three years there is a great game between Smithfield and some other high school team. Some boy is needed who knows how and can break through the opposing line for the touchdown to win the game. This boy who has been working for just such an event for three years is given the ball because he can carry it across if anybody can. He brings laurels upon himself, his school, and his town. But that is not all. A few years later there is a great game between his college and the college which they would rather beat than any other college in the world. There are ten thousand people lined up on each side of the field. Each of the twenty thousand spectators is quivering with anxiety to see his or her team win. On one side there is the boy from Smithfield who has lived clean and worked hard for seven years. He knows the game and he is not afraid of the biggest man in the world. The game has gone for nearly four quarters. Neither side has been able to score. The spectators are wild and hoarse from yelling. This boy from Smithfield lets himself

## BRIDGE REPAIRS MAY TOTAL \$10,000

A \$50,000 School Bond Election To Be Called In Meadow Township

### SPECIAL TERM OF COURT

Between hearing complaints concerning bridges washed away in the county by the recent high water and the Meadow Township school situation, the Board of County Commissioners had a busy day here yesterday as they met in regular monthly session.

Complaints as to bridges came from practically every section of the county where there are streams of any size, and it was estimated that \$100,000 will be required to repair the damage done by the recent flood waters. The worst damage seemed to be on Little River. Mr. R. D. Johnson, who looks after the bridge work in Johnston County, was instructed to make inspection of the bridges and make repairs as rapidly as possible.

Representatives from three school districts in Meadow Township (Glenwood, Hood's Grove and Meadow) were present yesterday with a petition, said to be signed by a majority of the voters of those districts asking for another school election. Some months ago a bond election was defeated in the township, and later an election in Glenwood, Hood's Grove, and Meadow was defeated. The people of these districts are anxious for a school and a third attempt was made possible yesterday. At the suggestion of Mr. John W. Wood, a member of the Board of Commissioners whose home is in Meadow, it was decided to include the entire township consisting of Glenwood, Hood's Grove, Meadow, Poplar Grove, Holly Grove and Long Pine school districts in the call for a new election, when a vote will be taken upon a \$50,000 bond issue. It is proposed to erect a building which, when equipped, will cost approximately \$100,000, but the County Commissioners are to provide for the balance of the cost not taken care of in the bond issue. It has not yet been decided when the election will be called.

Because of the congested dockets of the courts in Johnston County, a special term of three weeks Civil Superior Court was authorized yesterday, the term to begin Nov. 17. Jurors were drawn for this term, a list of which will be published in a later issue.

### Germans Cheer at Mention of Wilson.

Berlin, Oct. 5.—Prolonged cheering interrupted reference by Paul Loebe, former president of the reichstag, to the late President Wilson as "the father of the league of nations," at a memorial meeting for the war dead held in the reichstag building today under the auspices of the world peace congress. German pacifists, liberals, and socialists punctuated with approving nods and handclapping Herr Loebe's designation of President Wilson as an idealist, a farsighted statesman and the initiator of a new era.

Loose, for because of his years of hard work and self-denial he has the extra reserve power which is so much needed right then. He gets his chance, of course, because all know him for his hard fighting quality. He carries it across. Now, talking about fun, there can be nothing more thrilling than that.

"But will he do it? I do not know. He may prefer cigars and other pleasures and dissipations now, to the immeasurably greater pleasure and thrill later on. That boy has to make his choice.

"There is a girl not far from the rostrum who would like to be the best pianist in Smithfield and be able to enjoy fine music and give pleasure to others. This will require years of hard study and practice. Will she do it? I do not know. She may prefer to have a good time and do much of nothing now than to do the work necessary for the fine accomplishment later on. She has to make her choice."

## A Proclamation By the Mayor of the Town of Smithfield In Regard to Fire Prevention Day

North Carolina is one of the commonwealths of the United States that is fast coming to the front in the matter of economic resourcefulness; among which is the economic measure that is being promulgated by Commissioner Stacy Wade of the State Insurance Department in reducing the fire hazard within our commonwealth.

The matter of reducing fire loss in North Carolina and in our city, should be a matter of personal responsibility incumbent upon every citizen, both white and colored. The per capita loss in North Carolina annually is \$2.43 and in the United States \$4.75. Personal responsibility with fire is an obligation that we owe to our posterity. Fire is one of man's best friends and yet, carelessly used is one of his worst enemies. It is, therefore, our duty to be painstaking in the use of fire and thereby cure this delinquency that apparently exists in our citizenship and throughout our commonwealth and city.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John A. Narron, Mayor of the City of Smithfield, following the previous action of our Governor, Hon. Cameron Morrison, and sponsored by Commissioner Stacy Wade of the Insurance Department, do hereby set apart and designate the week of October the 5th to 11th as Fire Prevention Week and do earnestly request the collective efforts of the citizens of the city of Smithfield to do all in their power to help reduce and minimize the fire loss within our city and to further help make the city safe from destructive fires by declaring the doctrine of personal responsibility to every one. Let every citizen make his property safe from any condition that might tend or contribute to fire. That all civic bodies, churches, schools and all other institutions co-operate in carrying into effect the doctrine of personal responsibility in reducing fire hazard within our city.

JOHN A. NARRON, Mayor.

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

## DR. WHITE PREACHES HIS FIRST SERMON

Speaks Before The Woman's Missionary Union At Selma Today

### MAY MOVE TO COURTHOUSE

The revival meetings at the Baptist church began auspiciously on morning and evening, and one profession of faith at the evening service. Dr. John E. White arrived Monday and preached at the service last night. Services will continue during the week each evening beginning with a song service at 7:15. Singers from all the churches are cordially invited to help in the singing, and all the church people are asked earnestly to co-operate in making the meetings a real revival for the community. Dr. White is one of the most distinguished sons of Johnston county and among the ablest preachers in the South, and it is expected that congregations will be so large that the services will have to be moved to the courthouse in a short time. Today he preaches the annual sermon before the Woman's Missionary Union of the Johnston County Association at Selma at the noon hour. The hour for the day services in the meeting will be announced definitely this evening. While in Smithfield Dr. White will be the guest of Mr. Hunter Ellington, who is his first cousin.

### THE CHEERY HEART

Let poets sing their lilting song,  
And gaily smite their lyre:  
Give me the man who whistles when  
He's putting on a tire. —Ex.  
Brown always did possess a soft heart. This is how he wrote: "Dear Mrs. Harrison: Your husband can not come home today, because his bathing suit was washed away. P. S. —Your husband was inside it." —Ex.

### THE MEAN THING

Blink: What do you consider the best years of a woman's life?  
Blank: Oh, the first five years she's eighteen, I should say. —Ex.

### OPENING SIX MONTHS SCHOOLS POSTPONED

The county Board of Education at a meeting held here yesterday decided to postpone the opening of the six months schools in the county from November 3rd until November 10th. However, the eight months schools will open on October 15th, as previously stated. This change has been made because the boys and girls will be needed to help house the cotton crop, much of which is still in the fields, on account of the recent rains.

## LITTLE THOMSON CREECH IS RUN OVER BY AUTO

Friday afternoon an automobile accident, apparently unavoidable, happened on Third Street near the Farmers Warehouse when a Ford Coupe driven by Mrs. L. M. Rhodes, of this city, struck a bicycle on which little Thomson Creech, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Creech, was riding, and painfully injuring the little fellow. He was thrown to the pavement and his head and back were severely bruised. The car passed over his body and it was a miracle that he was not fatally hurt. He was carried to the hospital where after examination, it was found that no bones were broken, and he was removed to his home. He is now recovering rapidly. Mrs. Rhodes was almost in a state of collapse over the accident which seemed to have been unavoidable.

### SELECT SEED CORN FROM STALKS IN FIELD

Raleigh, Oct. 6.—An increase of between three and four bushels per acre has been secured by the Division of Agronomy of the State College Experiment Station in its tests with seed corn selected from the field as contrasted with seed obtained from the crib. In some cases the increased yield was as high as eight bushels per acre within the same variety. This in itself proves that it pays to select in the field the seed corn for next year's planting, state the agronomy workers.

Seed carefully selected in the crib next spring is better than no selection at all because poor seed results in poor stands, waste of land and labor and in low yields at harvest. Agronomy workers advise that before it is gathered, go into the field and secure more than twice as much as will be needed for next year's planting. The grower needs to get his seed ears from the kind of stalks that he would like to have growing in his fields next year.

When the desired amount has been secured, the ears should be stored in a place where they will be free from rats and weevils. Some good farmers hang their seed ears by strings or wires from the rafters and others use tight bins. Next spring, the best of these filed selected ears may be used for seed and the remainder discarded. It is also wise to make a germination test before planting to be sure that a good stand will be secured.

Where seed corn is carefully selected in the field each year and a good seed patch planted to supply the needed amount of seed for the entire farm, yields will be improved and the corn will more nearly pay for the time, labor and fertilizer used in growing it, say the agronomy workers.

Handle the newly dug sweet potatoes carefully; a bruise may mean rot later.

### PRESIDENT STARTS SERIES



President Coolidge throwing out the first ball to start the world series games between the Washington, American league champions, and the New York Giants, National League winners.

## GIANTS ONE GAME AHEAD SENATORS

Washington, Oct. 4.—The New York Giants fought their way to victory today over the Washington Senators in the opening game of the 1924 world's series after one of the most thrilling, dramatic battles baseball has ever known.

The Giants won by the narrow margin of 4 to 3 in 12 bitterly contested innings and conquered Washington's heroic moundsman, Walter Johnson, but the Senators, though beaten in the first bid they have ever made for the game's greatest crown, covered themselves with glory in a fighting finish that drove a crowd of over 35,000 into hysterical frenzy.—Associated Press.

### SENATORS WIN SECOND GAME IN WORLD'S SERIES

Washington, Oct. 5.—Battling with the indomitable courage that carried them to their first American League pennant, Washington's Senators today turned the tables on the New York Giants, won the second game of the 1924 World's Series and put themselves back in the thick of one of the most stirring struggles ever staged for baseball's greatest honors.

In a flashing finish that was equally as spectacular as the climax to yesterday's opening tussle and twice as thrilling to another capacity home crowd of 35,000, Roger Peckinpaugh, veteran shortstop, lifted himself to heroic heights by driving across the winning run in the ninth after the Giants had knocked Zachary, southpaw star, from the box and tied the score with two tallies in their part of the final inning.

The final score was 4 to 3, the same margin by which the first game was decided, and tonight two of the "fighten'est" clubs that ever met for the championship shifted their battleground to New York, where the third game will be played tomorrow.—Associated Press.

### GIANTS WIN THIRD GAME

News over the radio yesterday afternoon announced that the Giants won the third game in the 1924 World's Series.

The score was 6 to 4.

### SPECIAL CIVIL TERM SUPERIOR COURT

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Johnston County that a special civil term of the Superior Court for the County of Johnston will begin Monday November 17th, 1924, and will last for three weeks.

D. B. OLIVER,  
Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

## NEUSE INUNDATES KINSTON SUBERBS

Four Hundred People Driven Out of Their Homes By The Swollen Neuse

### MAY RISE STILL HIGHER

Kinston, Oct. 5.—Four hundred people are homeless in this vicinity driven out of their homes by the swollen Neuse.

Lincoln City, a negro suburb, is inundated and being evacuated. The last persons were taken out of Happersville, completely under water, today. There is seven and a half feet of water at points in that village.

Motor and row-boats this afternoon were plying a lake three and one-half miles long and a mile wide west of the city where two days ago there was dry land. There is ten feet of water in meadows at the lower end of the city.

Officials fear parts of Kinston proper may be under water if the rise continues.

Moccasin river in Greene county is said to be falling. At the new State highway bridge over that stream near Grifton, an expensive pile completed only a few months ago, workers have been struggling to keep the causeway approach on the Pitt county side, and possibly an abutment of the bridge, from being wrecked. When the flood waters started to undermine the causeway, with its concrete surface, a force of men was put at work piling sandbags in the crevices. The first 800 bags made a great deal of difference. Whether the crest of the Moccasin flood had passed the bridge was uncertain at the last report. That stream in Greene inundated large areas and drove people out of their homes in some localities.

Hundreds of farmers are cut off from the markets here by the flooding of the Pink Hill highway a short distance out of Kinston. The road was the first in this immediate section to be blocked. To the southward, parts of the Kelly's Mill Road were reported under water. A continued rise will send the flood over every road out of Kinston, it is feared, though the Central highway, west of the city, may not be impassable. The Neuse by exceeding the record stage a few inches will overflow into Northwest Kinston, where the city's finest homes are located. The most experienced rivermen today would not forecast a fall before the stream goes "feet higher." —News and Observer.

### IDA M. TARBELL FOR DAVIS

Washington, Sept. 29.—The Democratic National Committee officials expressed great pleasure today at the fact that Miss Ida M. Tarbell, the noted magazine writer, famous author of "The History of the Standard Oil Company," "The Life of Abraham Lincoln," and "The Business of Being a Woman," will vote for John W. Davis for President.

This announcement is accompanied by an authorized statement from Miss Tarbell, and in it she gives her reasons in convincing words. Miss Tarbell says she was born a Republican, that the Republican party was part of her father's religion, but that the record of the party today is something that she cannot stand, hence she will give her vote and her influence to the Democratic party. John W. Davis, she declares, is the man whom people of liberal and progressive ideas should support.—Edward E. Britton in the News and Observer.

One day, not long since, a Baptist preacher of our State was out hunting. During the day a rainstorm came on. In order to keep dry he crawled into a hollow log. When the rain began to fall the log began to swell, until he could get neither way. He thought his end had come. He thought of all the wrongs he had done, and when recalled that he had not sent a subscription to this paper this year he felt so small that he crawled right out of the log without difficulty.—The Western Baptist.