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## N. H. MORGAN MADE LOCAL FIRE CHIEF

Reorganize Fire Company; Town Board Now Considers Erection of Fire House.

### THREE SITES IN VIEW

With one of the best fire fighting equipments for a town the size of Smithfield in the state, it is now the purpose of the town board to organize its fire company along systematic lines and to house the fire apparatus in an adequate and conveniently located building. Two fires recently have disclosed the need of a new organization, and the City Fathers met in special session last Tuesday at noon to consider this important undertaking. At this meeting sixteen firemen were appointed and Mr. H. N. Morgan, superintendent of the water and light department, was made fire chief. Also at this call session a committee composed of Messrs H. C. Woodall, E. S. Edmondson and W. H. Lassiter, was appointed to investigate available sites for the location of the proposed fire house. This committee will report at a meeting to be held at noon on Wednesday, November 26.

It is the idea of the town board to provide a place for all the town equipment, including not only the fire apparatus, but the stock, wagons, tools, etc. Sleeping quarters for the members of the fire company will also be provided in the proposed building. Several locations have been suggested, chief among which are: a lot known as the Milton Canaday lot with 38 foot frontage on Fourth Street and 210 feet deep; the building formerly occupied by the Smithfield Observer with about the same frontage on Market Street; and the present town hall and market building on Third Street.

### The Value of Education

It is \$72,000, according to Dean Lord of the Boston University College of Business Administration; and the cash value of a high-school education is \$33,000. The Boston institution has been carrying out a careful study of the earning capacity of college graduates, and the report just issued contains a number of interesting facts. According to a New York Herald Tribune summary, the average maximum income of the untrained man is \$1,200 a year; that of a high school graduate is \$2,200, and that of a college graduate is \$6,000. The total earnings of the three types up to the age of sixty are set at \$45,000, \$78,000, and \$150,000. It is also estimated that while the untrained man at the age of fifty begins to drop toward dependence, the college man reaches his maximum earning capacity at sixty. As the report is quoted further:

The untrained man goes to work as a boy of fourteen and reaches his maximum income at the age of thirty. (This maximum is, on the average, less than \$1,200 a year. In view of the fact that this income is earned through manual labor dependent on physical strength, it begins to fall off at the age of fifty or even earlier, and soon reaches a level below self-support.)

The figures show that more than sixty of every 100 untrained workers are dependent on others for support at the age of sixty. Between fourteen and eighteen, the four years which might have been spent in high school, the untrained young man usually earns not more than \$2,000.—Literary Digest.

## Mr. George Lee Commits Suicide

News has reached here of the death of Mr. George Lee, of the Blackman's Grove section, who shot himself with a shot gun yesterday morning about 6:30 o'clock on the wood pile at his home. The load went through his face and head and he died immediately. The trouble that caused him to commit this rash deed is not known. He was about forty years old and leaves a wife and several children.

## School Truck Turns Several Badly Hurt

Sanford, Nov. 18.—Miraculously escaping death while en route from school at Gulf to their home near Cummock, ten school children went down with their car as it left the embankment. The car turned two or three somersaults.

After help arrived and the children were pulled from the wreckage and found to be all alive, arrangements were made to carry the injured to Dr. Palmer's office at Gulf, it being the nearest point where medical aid could be had. Worth Rosser was found to have a broken leg, his sister a broken arm, while other members of the party suffered bruises and probably some broken ribs. The driver of the car stated that he had passed a car, pulling clear to the right, and after the car passed pulled back into the road too far and over went the car. The car was completely wrecked.

## DIES FROM BURNS

A death, inexpressibly sad occurred in Elevation township Monday, when Mr. Henry Byrd, prosperous farmer and splendid citizen, succumbed to burns sustained on the premises Friday. According to our information Mr. Byrd was cleaning the spark plugs of his automobile Friday using gasoline. A gasoline tank nearby became ignited when he struck a match and in the explosion Mr. Byrd was so badly burned that he survived only a few days. Medical assistance was obtained from Benson soon after the accident, but the burns were too severe.

The burial took place Tuesday afternoon at St. Mary's church. The deceased, who was about forty-five years of age, leaves a wife and several children.

## Western Carolina Suffers Fire Loss

Asheville, Nov. 18.—On account of the unusual dry spell western North Carolina has suffered heavy loss from forest fires. More than 500 acres of land were burned by fire which raged from Sunday to this morning. There are a number of fires burning in other counties of this section of the state and the damage will be large.

### Thinks Children Should Work

A nurse in the home of one of those Chicago youths who murdered the Franks boy says that until he was fourteen years old he did not even lace his own shoes. He was pampered and petted and made to think that his mission in life was to have other people do things for him. He is credited with being a brilliant student in college, but a moral idiot.

We cite the foregoing statement of the nurse to call attention to the fact that the greatest danger confronting the young people of this country today is idleness and spending money unearned. And yet there is a widespread belief in the wisdom of amending the Constitution of the United States after a manner to permit and State to legislate "no work" for any person inside its borders under eighteen years of age. Congress has granted the States permission to make such a constitutional amendment.

Our Governor, Alfred Smith, worked as a child. He sold newspapers and carried a part—perhaps a large part—of the burden of self-support on his young shoulders. It didn't ruin him. We believe it helped him.

We have the feeling—and we believe that it is justified—that if the history in detail of each criminal in this country were known it would be discovered that the great majority, if not all of them, were not workers as children. Idleness is a curse to the young as well as to the old.—New York Commercial.

One farmer of Guilford county made more money on three acres of truck crops, selling the produce on the use of recommended seed grown acres of farmland, according to his report to Miss Addie Houston home agent.

## SELMA CLUB GIVES PLAYGROUND \$400

Worley-Williams Marriage Is Solemnized at Zebulon; Will Live in Selma.

### MRS. C. I. BATTEN DEAD

Selma, Nov. 20.—The last regular meeting of the Woman's club was held Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 12, in the Kiwanis club rooms. The president stated that \$400 would be given to ward the playground equipment by the Woman's Club. Another \$100 had been contributed by a big-hearted woman of our town and had been in the bank for some time awaiting additional funds; and with the \$79.00 which the school exhibit won at the Johnston county fair Supt. Waters thinks we can make a beginning. A play will be staged by the school in the school auditorium soon and contributions will be solicited from our citizens at an early date. Every one is interested and we feel pretty sure of attaining our goal this time. The next regular meeting will be postponed from Thanksgiving week to Nov. 15th and will be held in the school auditorium. Mrs. M. R. Wall chairman of the Literary Department will be in charge. Every body invited.

Of interest to scores of friends in our town and elsewhere was the wedding of Miss Grace Williams, of Zebulon, to Mr. C. P. Worley, of Selma on Tuesday morning, Nov. 18 at 8:30 o'clock. The marriage took place at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. L. Y. Baker, in Zebulon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Worley, of Selma, grandfather of the groom, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The happy young couple left immediately by motor for Asheville and other points in the western part of the state. They will be at home in Selma after Nov. 25.

Our town was saddened Tuesday evening when it became known that Mrs. C. I. Batten had passed away at 6:30 o'clock. Mrs. Batten had been in failing health for more than a year and a week ago her condition became critical. Her death was not unexpected. She was a daughter of the late Josh E. Creech and was married to Mr. C. I. Batten about 20 years ago. She had been a faithful member of the Edgerton Memorial church for four or five years and attended when she was able. The funeral was conducted from Creech's church north of Selma by her pastor, Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, of Selma. Surviving are her husband and little adopted son, Willard, and a number relatives.

### Push

A wealthy motorist drove up to a gasoline station in the South. "Hey, boy!" he called. I want some gasoline. Get a move on you! You'll never get anywhere in this world unless you push. When I was young I pushed, and that got me where I am now.

"Well, boss," said the lazy country boy, "I reckon as how you'll have to push again, 'cause we ain't got a drop of gas in the place."—From Everybody's Magazine for December.

### Schools For The Blind

There are 73 schools for the blind in this country with a total enrollment of 5602 pupils. Of these schools, 48 are state institutions, and 13 are for both blind and deaf. Eight are private institutions.—Kind Words.

## TOBACCO MARKET TO BE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

The Smithfield tobacco market will not have any sales on Thanksgiving, but will open on the following Monday. The market will close for the Christmas holidays on December 17. Announcement will be made later as to the opening day in January 1925. Tobacco is selling well on the Smithfield market.

## FOUR TOWNS IN CO. BACKING MOVEMENT

Selma, Smithfield, Clayton and Benson Join Eastern Chamber of Commerce.

### ORGANIZATION ACTIVE

Kinston, Nov. 17.—Three more towns have been added to the roster of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce membership. Each of three raised the quota assigned to it. Splendid responses are being had from all over the territory, where meetings are being held.

The three towns referred to are Littleton, Weldon and Benson. This gives the Eastern Chamber four towns in Johnston county, Selma, Smithfield, Clayton and Benson. It is believed that every town in the county of Johnston will take its quota just as soon as the business men shall have been reached with the program. Halifax county has the honor of having Scotland Neck, Weldon, Littleton, Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary, all in the big organization. Secretary Bartlett held meetings this past week in Weldon, Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, Littleton and Benson.

Secretary Bartlett made the following report as to the activities of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce for the week ending Nov. 15th, last. Monday, office work and meeting of Executive Committees and Officers; Tuesday, meeting held at Littleton; Wednesday, meetings held at Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary and Weldon; Thursday, meetings held at Scotland Neck, Benson and Selma; Friday, office and meeting at Snow Hill and Ayden; and meeting in Kinston business men; Saturday, answering correspondence and attending to local calls; inquiries received for the week about Eastern Carolina, 9; news items sent out to press, 80; Eastern Carolinians mailed out, 4,000; number of men spoken to in meetings during the week, 175; miles traveled in car, 464.

### Building Up the South

Recently a circular letter came to this office outlining a genuinely constructive plan of farm relief. It is over the signature of the president of the Woodside National Bank of Greenville, South Carolina, and urges the farmers of that locality to take up dairying in connection with cotton. The letter says in part:

"Instead of depending on the cotton crop alone, a farmer should diversify and raise more livestock, making himself independent of the ever fluctuating price of cotton.

"We believe that the farmers of our country can be made more wealthy by raising good blooded dairy cattle, and with this end in view the Woodside National Bank will undertake to order thoroughbred dairy cattle in carload lots, and place them with the farmers at actual cost, preferably in lots of not more than three to each farmer. If you do not wish to pay cash, we will take your note with satisfactory endorsement, payable in cotton.

"Cotton must always remain the able next fall." great staple of the south, but dependence upon it alone will never result in anything but poverty, both to the farmer and to the soil. To the small farmer it can mean only a bare subsistence. It would be so in any other occupation where a man worked less than six months of the year. Should any merchant or banker of the country attempt to do business on the same basis of half-time work he would soon be in the hands of a receiver in bankruptcy. Dairying will keep the farmer employed.

This bank also takes the right course in selecting thoroughbred dairy stock. Unfortunately few people realize the importance of this. It is a lamentable fact that our dairy production per cow is only one-half that of the Netherlands, and yet it matters not however industrious and frugal a farmer may be, his income must depend upon the producing capacity of each cow in his herd.

The Department of Agriculture made a long series of valuable tests of the comparative income above cost of feed from cows yielding different

## W. D. Hood's Garage Destroyed By Fire

Just before ten o'clock Tuesday night fire was discovered in the garage of Mr. W. D. Hood at the rear of his residence on North Third street. It is thought the fire started from a short circuit in his car. His Overland automobile, the garage, and a packing room which joined the garage were completely demolished by the fire. A suit of furniture and other articles stored in the packing room were also lost. The damage is estimated at about \$1,200. The home of Mr. Hood and that of Mr. Charles Grady were threatened for a time, both these houses being somewhat damaged by smoke and water. Paint was blistered and some of the windows were cracked. No insurance was carried on the car or garage.

## DIES IN AUTO WRECK

News has reached this office of an accident which resulted in the death of Mr. Rufus Johnson which occurred in Elevation township on Sunday, Nov. 9. Mr. Johnson was driving a car and ran against a post. He swung to the windshield but the impact resulted in his death. He was said to be intoxicated which probably caused the accident. The accident took place near the home of the late R. C. Barbour. Mr. Johnson was in the car by himself.

## School Boy Killed And Several Injured

Spartanburg, S. C., Nov. 19.—A ten year-old school boy was killed and five other children seriously injured when a bus in which 25 school children were riding over-turned near Saluda, N. C., late Tuesday afternoon according to reports received here last night.

Howard Thompson, 10, was killed instantly when caught in the wreckage of the heavy machine. Those injured seriously are: Grady, Glenn and Rodgers Foster, Jennie Bishop and George Smith, all under 12 years of age. A number of others suffered painful injuries.

Ralph Tallent, 16, son of United States Commissioner Lee Tallent, of Columbus, N. C., who was driving the bus, disappeared after the accident and searchers had found no trace of him tonight, it was reported.

All of the children attended the Tryon mountain school.—News and Observer.

## Grand Opera Star For Big Smithfield Event

Kinston, Nov. 17.—Marie Sundelius, grand opera star, will sing at the Eastern Carolina exposition at Smithfield April 14, according to an announcement today. She will be heard in afternoon and evening concerts. Miss Sundelius is expected to draw music lovers from throughout the territory. James Victor's band will play during the exposition, which will be opened the 13th of April and closed the following Saturday night. The 1924 sectional show was held here last March.

quantities of butter fat in a year, resulting as follows:

Lbs. Butter Fat per Cow	Yearly Income Above Feed Cost
100	\$10
200	42
300	72
400	106

Thus the cow that yielded four times as much as the poorest one in the lot gave a net return ten times as large.

In the United States the average production is 4,000 pounds of milk a year, yielding 160 pounds of butter fat. A little care in selection and breeding would more than double this and eliminate the waste in feeding ordinary cows. The Woodside Bank is on the right track and if properly backed up by the farmers its efforts should result in assured prosperity for them.—Wall Street Journal.

## TOBACCO THIEF IS APPREHENDED HERE

Negro Farmer From Wake Gets On Trail of Man Who Got His Tobacco.

### PLEASED WITH HIS PRICE

"I wish dat nigger had stole all my tobacco," was the enthusiastic comment of a big framed Ethiopian with a physique to be envied by the end man of any minstrel show, when he saw the price he was to receive for several piles of tobacco sold on the floor of the Banner Warehouse here yesterday.

This colored man who farms in Wake county missed a lot of his tobacco yesterday morning, and being reasonably sure that it had been stolen he started out to find it. He first went to Wendell but not finding it there, he hurried on to Smithfield and reached here just before the sale. He made known to Skinner and Patterson, proprietors of the Banner Warehouse, that he had been robbed and asked their help in making some investigations. It happened that a suspicious load of tobacco had been placed on the floor and the negro Wake farmer was asked to go on the floor and identify it. He had little difficulty in pointing out the suspicious piles and almost at the same moment looked up and beheld the suspected thief, who was a light mulatto, entering the warehouse.

"There he is," he shouted, but the mulatto began to run.

"Head 'im off! head 'im off" from several voices was enough to make the fleeing man run faster but he was soon captured and made to admit the theft. He was turned over to the authorities and was placed in jail where he now awaits trial.

The owner of the tobacco decided to sell his product on the Banner floor since it was already here, and was so well pleased with the price that he received that he expressed the wish that "dat nigger had stole all his tobacco."

## Used Cars Bring 10c On N. Y. Auction Sale

New York, Nov. 18.—The used car market hit greased skids today at the police department's 222nd auction of confiscated automobiles "as is." Prices ranged from 10 cents to \$375, and bidding was fast and furious among 35 optimists who coveted the 36 vehicles offered.

The heavy-monkey piece was a racing car which alone of the lot, was able to limp away under its own power. One flivver brought 50 cents. That was five times as much as the auctioneer's hammer brought for a speedster of noble lineage that had seen better days—far better.

Spirited bidding boosted the price of this latter vehicle from three cents to 10 cents, at which figure it was knocked down to an imaginative mechanic who declined to give his name, paid cash for his purchase, hitched it behind a horse and drove away.

With him went a bargain—considering. All the ex-speedster lacked of being in complete repair was a set of tires that would hold air; a set of workable bearings; an ignition system that wasn't worn out; a transmission system that wasn't torn out; and a few mud guards.

## Special Service At County Home

The Junior Department of the Methodist Sunday school will hold a special service at the county home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

### No Recorders Court Tuesday

On account of the special term of civil court which is in session here this week, Recorders court was not held Tuesday. It will not be held again until the special court is over.

There is no best breed of poultry choose the one you like the best, suitable for the purpose desired and is sunshine. Plans for building such a poultry workers of the North Carolina State College.