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FIRE RAZES OLD FRAME BUILDING

Four Story Prize House Used For Storing Cars Furnishes Spectacular Blaze

LOSS OF ABOUT \$6,000

A fire disastrous in its results, though confined to a single building, occurred here Tuesday night when the four-story frame building on First street at the rear of the Sanders Motor Company built as a tobacco prize house, went up in flames. The building was owned by Messrs. W. R. and W. M. Sanders and was used by the Sanders Motor Company as a storage house. Quite a number of used cars that had been taken back by this firm as well as a quantity of implements were totally destroyed. Only two cars stored in the building were insured and these were the only two saved from destruction. Some of the mechanics who had been repairing the cars lost their tools in the fire. A small amount of insurance was carried on the building. The Sanders Motor Company estimate the loss at about \$6,000.00.

The fire was discovered about eleven o'clock by persons returning to Smithfield from Raleigh, Mr. Walter Grantham turning in the alarm. The fire started in the first story and spread rapidly through the tall structure.

Smithfield is not often aroused from bed to witness so spectacular a scene as the fire Tuesday night presented. Lowering clouds hovered over the city and the shrill call of the siren was followed by the low rumble of thunder that presaged the approach of a winter thunder storm. For a short time while the fire was at its highest, the electric lights in the city were turned off but the crimson tongues of flame leaping high in the air were reflected against the dark clouds and furnished light over a considerable part of town. Citizens, however, were concerned more with the fire than with the clouds, and were caught almost unawares in the heavy downpour of rain which, while falling at a most opportune time as an aid in controlling the fire, caused the bedraggled spectators to seek the shelter of their homes.

Heroic work was done by the fire company and others, several working at such a pace that they were overcome with the heat and were forced to drop out.

WILL PAY IN 21 YEARS

In an address at Greensboro Frank Page, State Highway Commissioner, pointed out that within twenty-one years all the road bonds issued by North Carolina will be paid. This is made possible because two years ago provision was made to set aside all the revenue from automobiles and gasoline to pay maintenance of roads and the interest and principal on the bonds, and it is based on an increased tax on gasoline by this Legislature.

North Carolina is in no trouble because of the road bonds already issued and the \$20,000,000 to be issued in 1925 and in 1926. Those bonds are a temporary liability which will end within twenty-one years. The roads are an asset. The money available for the next two years will complete the most important links of the State highways and as these bonds are paid off, others can be issued to carry on construction. The legislation approved is wise progress and nothing can stand in the way of paying off the bonds unless people begin to economize in the use of gasoline. And they'll do that only when they cannot get the money to pay for it. People will practice economy in the necessities of life, but never on riding. — News and Observer.

An Ideal Union

Mrs. Geo. Washington Jones: "Am yo' daughter happily married, Mrs. Cooper?"

Mrs. Cooper: "She, sho' is. Bless de good Lawd, she's done got a man what's skereed to death of her." — American Legion Weekly.

Nothing changes the looks of a house like paint.

METHODIST FORCES OF CO. MEET HERE

Dr. D. L. Blakemore, Centenary Field Secretary of Baltimore Conference Addresses Meeting Monday

FULL REPRESENTATION

A meeting fraught with significance to Methodism in Johnston County was held at the Methodist church here Monday afternoon, with representatives from every Methodist church in the county present. Rev. M. T. Plyler, presiding elder of the Raleigh District was in charge of the meeting, and Dr. D. L. Blakemore, Centenary Field Secretary of the Baltimore Conference, was the principal speaker of the occasion.

Dr. Blakemore is in the North Carolina Conference assisting in a "Carry On" Campaign designed to bring the payment of Centenary pledges to date and to make some provision for the work of the Centenary to be continued. A report from the churches represented showed Johnston County pledges about paid. Several of the churches are already paid in full. Dr. Blakemore made an eloquent appeal for the work in foreign lands to be continued. Young men and young women have laid themselves on the altar for service, and he urged the people back home to provide the means to carry on their work.

Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of the church here, made a brief talk concerning the Sunday School Standard Training School to be held here the week of March 15th, giving a list of the courses offered. This school is arranged of Sunday school workers throughout the county, and indications are that it will be well attended. The following courses will be given: Primary Organization and Administration by Miss Georgia Keene, Elementary Superintendent of the N. C. Conference; Junior Pupil, by Mrs. H. E. Spence, of Durham; Sunday School Organization and Administration by L. L. Gobbel, Sunday School Field Secretary of the N. C. Conference; General Pupil Study by Prof. J. M. Ormond, of Duke University; The Church and Its Work, by Rev. M. T. Plyler, Presiding Elder of the Raleigh District. Chairmen of the following committees were appointed: enrollment, T. C. Young, Smithfield; finance, T. W. Wood, Selma; Treasurer, Robt. W. Sanders, Smithfield; publicity, I. W. Medlin, Smithfield. The entertainment committee is composed of the following: J. H. Abell, chairman; Mrs. Alice Cole and Mrs. J. D. Spiers.

After some little discussion of other matters pertaining to the work in this county, the meeting came to a close. The pastors in the county present on this occasion were: Rev. A. J. Parker and Rev. J. S. Irvine, of Smithfield; Rev. M. Y. Self, of Clayton; Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, of Selma; Rev. G. B. Perry, of Princeton; Rev. W. J. Watson, of Four Oaks; Rev. J. B. Blalock, of Benson, and Rev. W. B. North, of Kenly.

ALLEGED KLUCKERS FLOG ZEBULON MAN

Zebulon, Feb. 12.—Eight masked men entered Zebulon Saturday night and drove to James Brantley's Barber Shop, which they entered, flashing pistols and ordering customers threateningly out of their way. Brantley was carried several miles over the Franklin county line, beaten across his back with a leather strap, warned to reform, and ordered to attend Sunday school. He is said to have been the first man in Sunday school Sunday morning.

Brantley, according to rumors, is said to have been beaten because he neglected his wife and little children for another woman in Zebulon.

Clean fresh water is just as essential to the proper growth of a pig as feed and is very much cheaper.

New Attractions Announced For The East. Car. Exposition

"Eastern Carolina Yesterday and Today," Title of Pageant To Be Given By Johnston Talent Friday of Exposition Week; 500 To Take Part In Pageant

More attractions for the Eastern Carolina Exposition, slated for Smithfield, April 13 to 18 this year, were announced Wednesday following the meeting of the Steering committee of the Exposition in Selma, Tuesday night. The latest attraction is another mammoth Pageant for Friday night April 17th. The big affair last year made such a wonderful impression that the people of Eastern Carolina have insisted that another Pageant be arranged for this year.

After an unsuccessful attempt to get the counties to take part as they did last year, the following plan has been adopted: The Pageant will be entitled, "Eastern Carolina Yesterday and Today", and will have about 500 in the cast, all children. There will be ten episodes and each town in Johnston county will take one episode. Miss Irene Myatt, of Smithfield, will

be Director for this event and she will have a local committee in each town to assist in working up the local committee in each town to assist in working up the local episode. The town in Johnston county, staging its episode the best will be given \$100.00 in cash and the second prize will be \$50.00 in cash. It goes without saying that the ten towns will make a wonderful showing. The object in having children only, is to show that the children of today can "act" like grown-ups and with the brilliant lighting effects, the second Pageant will be a wonderful presentation.

Another attraction announced is the Baby Show for Wednesday afternoon. A boy baby and a girl baby will be selected from each of the 17 townships in Johnston county, and

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Ham-Ramsey Organization May Conduct Revival Here

COLLINS DIGGERS REACH ROOF CAVE

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 12.—(By the Associated Press)—The official bulletin at 9 o'clock this morning issued by M. E. S. Posey, engineering representative of Governor Fields, said that the depth of the cave rescue shaft was "about 45 feet." He gave 9 o'clock Saturday night as the maximum time in which the shaft would reach the maximum depth to which it will be driven. "We appear to be rising to the roof of the cave and have speeded up the excavation to the rate of ten feet in 24 hours." Mr. Posey's statement said. "There is great possibility of finding an opening at any time. Tunneling will start if Collins has not been uncovered when the shaft reaches 68 or 70 feet."

PICTURES SHOWING BOLL WEEVIL CONTROL

Mr. A. C. Whittle, of Greensboro, representing the Educational Bureau of Chilean Nitrate of Soda of New York, was in the city yesterday en route to Meadow where he gave a free moving picture entertainment last night showing methods of boll weevil control. Three other such entertainments have been given in the dale, Archer and Royall (Elevation), county during the past week, at Glen-tele spectators at all these places probably aggregating a thousand people. A fuller account of these programs will probably appear in a later issue.

Guilty



This is the man, Col. Chas. R. Forbes, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the government in hospital construction for our crippled, blind and disabled world war soldiers. He faces a possible penalty of two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

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A. C. L. Freight Cars Derailed Near Selma

Selma, Feb. 12.—Atlantic Coast Line northbound freight extra 1679 was derailed about one mile south of Selma Wednesday morning about 5.30 o'clock. Seven box cars turned topsy turvy across both tracks blocking all traffic for about six hours. Passenger trains 75, 87, 83 and 93 were tied up at Selma until 1 p. m. Northbound trains 86, 84, 84 and 80 were held back at Smithfield until wreck was cleared. At 1 p. m. all trains were running again. No one was hurt in the wreck but considerable damage was done to equipment.

CAR. POWER CO. NOW OWNS NORTH STATE

Deal Adds Five Johnston County Towns to Those Being Served By Car. Power & Light Company

WILL EXTEND SYSTEM

Raleigh, Feb. 12.—According to announcement made at the general offices of the Company at Raleigh, the Carolina Power and Light Company has purchased all the properties of the North State Power Company, the transfer having been effected today.

The North State Power Company has served ten towns in Wake, Harnett and Johnston counties—Angier, Four Oaks, Fuquay Springs, Holly Springs, Kenly, Lillington, Micro, Pine Level, Princeton and Varina.

In taking over the properties of the North State Company, the Carolina Power and Light Company has agreed to complete the contemplated extensions of the North State system to Coats and Buie's Creek. The deal today, therefore, adds twelve towns to the system of the Carolina Power and Light Company.

Connection with the lines of the Carolina's extensive system will give these twelve towns the same kind of service now had in Fayetteville, Duke Dunn and Goldsboro. Prior to the closing of the deal today the Carolina Company had obtained new franchises in all the towns to be served.

In discussing the sale of the properties of the North State Company, Mr. L. H. Couch, President and General Manager of that Company, recalled the disastrous financial experiences of the old Cumberland Railway and Power Company which originally served the communities included in the North State system.

"About four years ago," said Mr. Couch, "the Cumberland Railway and Power Company went into receivership with heavy losses to its stockholders. Then the North State Power Company was organized by a small group of men who had subscribed to

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SMITHFIELD MEETS SANFORD TONIGHT

The State Championship series of boys' basketball games will open here tonight (Friday) with a game at the Banner warehouse between Sanford and Smithfield.

Smithfield is doped to win having defeated the strong Rockingham team last week and also held the best Freshman team in the state—Duke University—to a 3-point victory. Sanford also has a strong team and has an excellent record for the season. They have won one game from Smithfield.

The winner of the Smithfield-Sanford game will probably meet Dunn or Fayetteville on the following Friday.

The girls' basketball team of S. H. S. will play Kinston tonight at Goldsboro in the first championship series.

SPECIAL SERVICES BY SELMA PASTOR

Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald Speaks To Boy Scouts at Morning Service And Ku Klux In The Evening

STUDY CLASS MEETS

Selma, Feb. 12.—Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, pastor of Edgerton Memorial church preached to a capacity house Sunday morning and evening. The beautiful weather and the announcement that Dr. Fitzgerald would preach a special sermon to the Boy Scouts on Sunday morning brought out more people than the church could seat. The Scouts were in uniform and occupied the middle section of seats. The theme was "The Making of a Real Man." The text was taken from Daniel 1:8. Dr. Fitzgerald built his thought around the Scout oath. Special music was rendered. On Sunday the Selma Ku Klux Klan came out in uniform. Special seats were reserved for them. The subject of Dr. Fitzgerald's remarks was "The Survival of the Fittest," and the text from Zach. 8:16. At the beginning of the service four of the clansmen came forward and sang a quartet.

The subject for discussion at the Mission Study class which met with Mrs. W. T. Woodard on Tuesday afternoon was: "Saving Young Bodies." Interesting papers were read by Mrs. John R. Barker on "Missions at Home" another by Mrs. S. R. Lee on "Carrying Out a Task Begun By Jesus." "The Public Health Nurse," by Miss Margaret Etheredge and "A Task For the Church," by Mrs. O. P. Fitzgerald were all much enjoyed. Little Miss Dorothy Diehl and Master Fred Archer Woodard sang "Little Ones Like Me," with Jimmie Woodard at the piano. Superintendent Waters brought to the members of the class a wonderful message. He told his hearers that every one of them had seen, not in the countries whither we send missionaries, but in the borders of our own state, yea, even in the borders of our own town, the crying need of mission work. The twin gods of Ignorance and Poverty are largely responsible for the appalling number of thin, undernourished, joyless children. Coming from untidy, poorly ventilated homes, clad without warmth or grace, ill from poorly prepared foods, what can we expect from this type of citizenship unless some group of workers can reach them and teach them to better their environments. The race moves forward on the feet of little children, and we can never discharge our responsibilities, until we have done all within our power to set the wrong things right.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Atkinson and children spent last Thursday and Friday in Richmond.

Mrs. Ellen Creech has returned from Enfield where she was called to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Pete Hardison. Mrs. Hardison was taken to a Richmond hospital for treatment.

Mrs. T. C. Henry and children, of Smithfield, spent last week end here with Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Henry.

Mrs. W. E. Jones has returned from Rex Hospital where she had her tonsils removed.

Mr. J. C. Whitley, of Florence, S. C., and Mrs. P. A. Holland, of Smithfield, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Woodard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Younger and children are visiting relatives in Charlotte and Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey, of Wilson County, spent Sunday with M. S. J. U. Oliver near town.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Richardson and daughter, Miss Eva, spent Sunday with relatives in Durham.

Mrs. Arthur Hardison and daughter, Miss Nell, of Kenly, and Mrs. Mary McDerwent, of Washington, were guests of Mrs. Ellen Creech Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wallace and little daughter, Martha Gladys, spent Sunday in Selma with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. U. J. Hardison, of Enfield, spent last week end here with Mrs. Ellen Creech.

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