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Wilson County voted Thursday to expend \$1,250,000 for improved highways. Johnston County needs improved highways, too.

A great statesman said: "I had rather be right than president." Our local basketball team says: "I had rather be fair than to win the championship." That kind of ball players may become great statesmen.

The demon whiskey chuckles again in wild glee over another victim in Johnston County. A soul has gone into eternity; a body is sorely wounded; a man finds himself in the clutches of the law; three families bow their heads either in bereavement or sorrow and disgrace. The history of whiskey is written with blood, and yet we permit it to be written.

Johnston County had a representation on the State Insurance Department's honor roll for January, the town of Selma being on the list. This means there were no fires during the month or no damage exceeding four dollars. Notwithstanding the honor roll, however, the fire loss in North Carolina during January was close to a million dollars. Fires were said to be less numerous but more costly.

In a recent Sunday edition of The News and Observer Ring Lardner discusses a Harvard professor's prediction that the time will come—between 40,000 and 75,000 years hence, to be exact—when man's teeth and hair will be no more. We have no objection to retaining our hair and most of our teeth, but to be thoroughly modern and up-to-date we could be persuaded to discard all our uncut wisdom teeth from henceforth forever.

**TIME TO SPRUCE UP**

A walk down several blocks of our town one day last week—one of those days when the March wind was sweeping the trash from cracks and crannies—it occurred to us to take a look at our streets and vacant lots as a stranger might view them. In other words as the poet Burns says, "to see ourselves as others see us." The wind was doing its full duty in dusting out corners and we confess the spectacle was not exactly what we would have all Eastern North Carolina see in April and go away and talk about. Of course, the folks are coming here primarily to see the Exposition but at the same time they will take away some sort of impression of Smithfield.

It is the nature of housekeepers to have keener zest for making the house spic and span if guests are expected. Smithfield

is expecting company and in our opinion it is not too soon to begin to rake and sweep and burn and haul off trash in preparation for our guests. There are several unsightly vacant (?) lots near the center of town that would look much better than they do now plowed up and planted in something. But if the owners should not see fit to do this, at least the old rusty tin, the paper and tin cans could be disposed of.

The town has had its annual clean-up week for years but this year should be the banner clean-up week. The paint brush and the white wash brush applied to trees and fences and houses can do much toward impressing Exposition visitors with the spirit of our town. Let's everybody get busy, town force, Woman's Club, Kiwanis Club, white folks and colored folks, during the next five weeks and put on our "best bid and tucker" for our Exposition guests. We'll enjoy showing our town to our guests better besides the advantage of being sanitary and the lessing of fire hazard.

**FACTS AND COMMENTS**

"The outstanding characteristic of the inaugural address of Calvin Coolidge was its vagueness."—From editorial in Raleigh News and Observer, March 5.

"Within a compass of 3800 words Mr. Coolidge has compressed a wide variety of topics, and toward each of them he makes his attitude perfectly clear."—From editorial in Washington Post, March 5.

If you are a partisan Democrat, the first sentence will probably suit you; and if you are a partisan Republican the second sentence will suit you; if you like to do your own thinking, you had better read the address itself and make your own conclusions.

Vice-president Dawes showed poor political judgment and bad manners to boot, but there was one thing he was absolutely and entirely right in, namely, that the Senate rules should be changed so that a one-man filibuster would not be possible. There should be ample time for full and careful consideration of the bills before the Senate, but when a majority has decided upon a certain policy as to a bill, then a small group of obstinate politicians should not be allowed to block the enactment of the bill into a law.

It is unfortunate but true that Congress, both houses, is gradually losing the confidence and respect of the people. It flounders around and seems not to be able to get anything done. Under the dominant leadership of Woodrow Wilson, Congress managed to function more or less effectively. There are those who believe that it is necessary for the President to lead or dominate the legislative branch of the National government, that without the strong executive leadership Congress will always be ineffective.

As a matter of religious reverence, is it proper for a basketball team to pray for victory over the opposing team? Did those young men of the Carolina team think they could persuade the Lord over to their side in their contests with the other college and university teams? We are told that He notes the sparrow's fall, and that the hairs of our heads are numbered, etc., but it is difficult to think of the God of the universe as taking sides in a basketball game. If so, would prayer help Tom Gibbons or some other man to knock Jack Dempsey out? Would prayer help a boy beat his opponent in a game of marbles?

Possibly the basketball players did not pray for victory over the opposing teams, but rather prayed for individual help in playing a fair and honest game. If so, that is a different matter. God is interested in the individual, but is He interested in taking sides in a game of any sort? T. H. F.

The Farmers Club of Craven County will help to support a strong truckers association and to establish a central milk plant in New Bern this year. reports county agent C. B. Faris.

**Letter Box**

**COLORED HOSPITAL FOR INSANE CARES FOR 1344**

The State Hospital for Colored Insane, located near Goldsboro, is now caring for 1344 inmates, which is about 200 more than was cared for at this same institution during last year and the year before last. To meet the additional cost of maintenance the recent legislature made an appropriation of only \$5,000, a sum not commensurate with the additional cost that the increase of inmates has necessitated.

The institution can ordinarily take care of an inmate at a cost of fifty cents a day, but a crop loss amounting to something like \$1,500 which followed the flood waters last fall has greatly increased the daily per capita cost.

Farming is conducted on quite an extensive scale at this institution. Twenty-two mules are used on the farm, and ten high class milk cows owned by the State furnish an abundant milk supply for all the inmates. The institution has now on hand twenty brood sows and 150 porkers. The farm consists of about 400 acres of land. Corn, cotton, hay, fruits, and trucking crops are the chief products of this farm.

The institution is under the supervision of Dr. W. W. Faison, who is always glad to take visitors through the various departments of the hospital. The entire institution is a model of cleanliness and good management.

H. V. R.

**INTERESTED IN T. I. REUNION**

Rev. Whitley Langston, pastor of the Methodist church of McRea, Ga., has written a letter in regard to the reunion of the students of the old Turlington Institute, in which he expresses much enthusiasm. From his letter we quote "I see by The Smithfield Herald that the old students of the T. I. are going to have another 'Home Coming', but so far I have had no word from those who have the movement in charge. I should be right glad to have a place on the program, being one of the old students. I should at least like to be invited. It may not be possible for me to attend, but I really want to do so. I would be able to see so many of my old friends that otherwise I shall hardly ever see again."

Mr. Langston is a native Johnstonian, having been born and reared in Bentonsville township. Back in the latter eighties he lived for a year or two in Smithfield, and then it was that he was a student under Professor Turlington. It will be remembered that he was here at the "Home Coming" of the old T. I. students in May, 1910, and that he had a part on the program then which has since been remembered for its wit and humor. There are many of the old T. I. students who remember Mr. Langston, and who will read with a great deal of interest his letter stating his intention to attend this "Home Coming."

H. V. R.

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**FARMING AS A PROFESSION**

In an address at the Michigan agricultural college during the annual farmers' week, Huston Thompson, member of the federal trade commission, pointed out some of the lessons the American farmer can learn from European agriculture and made several suggestions for opening the channels of trade for the farmers' purchase of necessities. His remarks concerning farming as a profession are, we think, worth reproducing, for they emphasize an idealism in agriculture it would be well to strive for. Mr. Thompson said:

"None of the suggestions which I have made will cure the farmers' situation until he learns to make farming a profession in which he himself has pride. It was not until the practical philosopher Gruntvdig aroused the peasants of Denmark to this frame of mind that they started on the road to making agricultural life profitable in Denmark. Moreover, it did not bring forth fruit in a day, or a year, but only after many long years of education, cultivation and inspiration within the minds of the rural population. The story is too long to tell. At first the movement gave birth to the simple and modest folk high schools and then the agricultural high schools. Behind it all, however, was the emphasis upon the spiritual side of the Danish life, a study of those who have made Denmark spiritually great, the increased strength of united agricultural effort, as the means of reconstructing Denmark, all of which built up a pride in the calling of the farmer, so that today not only does he believe in himself and his calling, but he has raised

**BIRDS THAT SING IN THE SPRING TRALA-LA** By SATTERFIELD



it to such a plane that the intelligent people of the cities see it as he does and the statesmen recognize and honor his position.

"If I were permitted to make a suggestion that might tend to bring about a similar attitude of mind among American farmers, I would advise that the farm leaders of this country every year see that a certain number of their group, or the young men and young women coming on, visit countries like Finland and Denmark, study what has made the farmer successful and carry the message back and spread it abroad in America so that in time we too may come up to glorify farming as a calling."—Indiana Farmer's Guide.

**Large Crowd Sees Pictures**

A large crowd enjoyed the illustrated lecture on Japan, given by Mr. Collier Cobb, of the State University, at the Court house Friday night. Mr. Cobb came in response to an invitation from the Parent-Teacher Association and all who attended the lecture felt that it was well worth while. The scenes showing some of the beautiful gardens of Japan, the iris fields, the chrysanthemum shows, the wisteria vines in full bloom, the gardens in cherry blossom time and the various temples were especially attractive. Mr. Cobb spoke of the rapid development of Japan during the past few years and said that the people there fully recognize the fact that all the improvement that has been made is due to the influence of the missionaries. Mr. Cobb's lecture was very informal and was made more interesting by the humorous turn the speaker gave to many incidents in relating them.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Under and by virtue of authority contained in a certain deed of trust executed by Corinna Y. Ellington to J. H. Abell, Trustee, dated Dec. 10, 1919,

and recorded in Book No. 65 page 531, Registry of Johnston County, the conditions of said deed of trust having been broken in that default was made in the payment of the bonds secured thereby, therefore the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in front of the Court house door in the town of Smithfield, N. C., on Saturday, April 11, 1925, at 12 o'clock M., the following described tract of land:

Beginning on the west side of the Raleigh and Smithfield road, corner of the school house lot; thence N. 48 deg. 0' E. 420 feet to a stake, school house lot corner; thence N. 42 deg. 45' W. 210 feet to a stake, Ellington's line, thence N. 48 deg. E. 1374 feet to a stake, pointers; thence S. 85 deg. 15' E. 1513 feet to an iron stake; thence S. 18 deg. 45' E. 50 feet, feet to a stake, thence S. 49 deg. 15' W. 2817 feet to a stake on Raleigh and Smithfield road; thence N. 42 deg. 45' W. 234 feet to the school house corner, the point of beginning, being all of tract No. 7 of subdivision of the J. Walter Myatt farm, as shown by map made by Lamb and Davis, C. E., which map is recorded in Plat Book No. 1, page 98, Registry of Johnston County, and being the land conveyed to Corinna Y. Ellington, by deed recorded in Book No. 65 page 531, Registry of Johnston County.

Terms of sale, cash. 10 per cent of bid will be required on day of sale, balance to be paid upon confirmation of sale.

This 9th day of March 1925.  
J. H. ABELL, Trustee.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
In the District Court of The United States, For the Eastern District of North Carolina.

in the matter of Johnston & Stephenson, Bankrupt.  
Under and by virtue of authority contained in an order of sale signed by Hon. Joseph B. Cheshire, Jr., U. S. Referee in Bankruptcy, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, in the town of Smithfield, N. C., and in the store house recently occupied by Johnston & Stephenson all the stock of merchandise and fixtures on the 13th day of March, 1925 at 2 p. m.

The stock of goods will be sold separately from the fixtures and the purchasers will be required to deposit with the Trustee at least 10 per cent of his bid as evidence of good faith and the balance of his bid when the sale has been confirmed by the Referee 3 days after said sale. Stock may be examined and inventory seen upon application to Trustee.  
This the 3 day of March 1925.  
CHAS. H. GRADY, Trustee,  
Smithfield, N. C.

**Are you ashamed you live in Smithfield?**

When you travel, you don't register from New York City—do you? No Siree—you take the hotel pen and proudly write down Smithfield, N. C., and even in the smoking compartment it's "the greatest little town in the world."

But—let's take a peep into your coat pocket and see if it's a Smithfield label.

Surely if Smithfield is worth bragging about when you are away it must be something more than just a place in which to sleep and eat when you are home.

Smithfield clothiers can give you today and any day as fashionable, as fitting and as economical a clothing service as any two cities that have a city hall—and since you are living here—prospering here and making your money and your friends here—is it any more than right that you should make your clothing purchases here?

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