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## Celebrate Third Birthday East. Chamber Commerce

Senator Heflin, of Alabama, Makes Speech On This Occasion

ABERNATHY ON PROGRAM

The annual banquet of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, which was celebrated here at noon yesterday, was truly one of the great and enjoyable events of the Exposition. The spacious second floor of the Farmer's Warehouse was used as a dining hall for the hundreds of guests of the Exposition, and the chicken menu followed by cream and cake was served by the ladies of the Woman's Club of this city. Mr. J. W. Holmes, president of the Exposition, of Farmville, presided.

After the assembling of the guests about the sumptuous luncheon table, Rev. Whitley Langston of McRae, Ga. pronounced the invocation. This was followed by the singing of America led by the Victor Band. The president read a telegram from Governor McLean, expressing regrets at his inability to be present. During the hour the guests were splendidly entertained by music by the band and by the rendition of several of the old familiar melodies which were sung by Miss Gertrude Van Deinsne.

It was announced from the president's chair that this assembly was there to celebrate the third birthday of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce. The ladies in the audience had a pleasant surprise for the occasion when they produced a birthday cake with three candles. Miss Rose Grantham, Smithfield's Queen, presented the cake with an appropriate toast to the East Carolina Chamber of Commerce. After the presentation of Miss Grantham, the prize-winning baby, Agnes Marie Fitzgerald, of Micro, was held aloft while both she and the Smithfield Queen received hearty applause.

Following Miss Grantham's appearance, Congressman E. W. Pouch made an address of welcome in which he declared that the time was when Smithfield slept. In that day, it had a population 300 strong, and to which for 300 years it neither added nor subtracted an inhabitant. But in due time, declared he, an awakening came. The town has learned the lesson of co-operation and we have left our 300 mark. We now live in an era of co-operation and progress, a spirit of give and take. In this spirit he welcomed the great host of people to this thriving town. The president, for the Exposition, expressed in warm words appreciation of Smithfield's cordial hospitality.

Congressman Chas. L. Abernathy, representative of the third district, of New Bern, was introduced and he made a three-minute talk on the subject: "Neuse River Survey." Mr. Abernathy had made some investigations of this undertaking and had found that back in the early eighties the government had spent immense sums on river improvement, but had left the banks of the Neuse in such impaired condition that the channel was changed from five-foot water at Goldsboro to one and a half-foot water. He pledged his influence to open up the Neuse from New Bern to Raleigh, making it possible by the aid of Congress for steam boats or other freight-carrying crafts to traverse the river from New Bern to Raleigh. He declared that the government is spending millions on poorer waters than those of the Neuse, and that he expects to fight for this thing until he succeeds. His speech was received with great applause.

The Beauty Queens of the Exposition were guests of the occasion and upon a roll call of the various towns participating in the movement each queen made her appearance. The president then ordered a roll call of the towns present, and the following towns were represented: Ayden, Grifton, Greenville, Goldsboro, Kingston, Snow Hill, Wilson, La Grange, New Bern, Farmville, Raleigh, Dunn, Linton, Trenton, Fayetteville, Max-

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AGNES MARIE FITZGERALD



First prize winner in girl baby show.

### BABY SHOW HIT OF EXPOSITION

Little Miss Fitzgerald of Micro, and Master Swade Barbour, Jr., of Clayton, First Prize Winners

Mrs. A. R. Wilson, of Selma, chairman of the Baby Show committee for the county was equally as happy as the parents of the winning children over the splendid appearance of the twenty-three boys and girls who were presented to the big audience at the Exhibition Hall Wednesday afternoon. Six of the children who had been selected to represent their townships were unable to be present or twenty-nine would have been shown from the platform.

Judge Brooks, platform manager, was at his best. His success in presenting the little tots even excelled that in showing off the queens, but he received the surprise of his life when little Miss Agnes Marie Fitzgerald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fitzgerald, of Micro, danced her way timidly to his finger, danced her way across the stage and into the hearts of the big crowd present. She tipped the light fantastic in perfect time with the music played by Victor's Band, and though only two years old, dropped her courtesies at just the psychological moment to capture many a vote that helped to win for her first place among the girls in the Baby Show contest. Master Swade Barbour, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Swade Barbour of Clayton, polled the most votes among the boys, and no one felt that he did not deserve it for no mistake would have been made in choosing any one of the eleven contestants. The fact that he won out was a feather in his cap.

Smithfield township carried off both second prizes, the winners being little Miss Mary Allen Crech, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lehman Johnson, of Clayton township, and Master George Battle Whitley, son of Mr. George Whitley, of O'Neal's township.

Others who appeared on the platform were: Geraldine Wood and Haywood Alexander Faircloth of Banner township; Madeline Pope, Beulah township; Margaret Elizabeth Barrett and Paul Winstead Edgerton, Boon Hill; Mavis Lillian Keen and Leon Adams, Jr., Ingrams; Stephen James Talton, Micro; Agnes Creech, O'Neals; Bessie May White and D. N. Holt, Jr., Pine Level; John P. Stephenson, Pleasant Grove; Clell Bernice White and Ralph Kendall Younger, Selma; Nellie Reece Barnes, Wilders; Carolyn Parker Parrish and Luther Clarence Davis, Jr., Wilson's Mills.

## STYLE SHOW IS A POPULAR FEATURE

Wedding Scenes Put On Prove To Be Hits; Other Lovely Costumes Shown

LOCAL GIRLS MODELS FEEDSTUFFS BURNED

If the Ku Klux parade drew large numbers of men to the city Wednesday evening, the ladies of Eastern North Carolina were no less attracted by the Style Show at the Exposition Hall which was witnessed by a large number of both admiring men and women.

Raleigh and Goldsboro firms put on this Style Show, but Smithfield had a special interest in the occasion, a number of the young ladies here being models for Raleigh firms.

The establishments showing costumes were: Hudson-Belk, Boylan-Pearce, C. C. Gunn Company, Ladies Hat Shop of Raleigh, and Neil Joseph and the Ladies Hat Shoppe of Goldsboro. Sports dresses, afternoon gowns, graduation frocks, ensemble suits, and gorgeous evening apparel with lovely hats suitable for all occasions constituted a most appealing array of feminine attire that was not lost upon the beauty loving spectators.

Perhaps the hit of the Style Show was the wedding scene put on by Neil Joseph of Goldsboro. Mr. Joseph made a special trip to New York to secure the gowns for this feature of the Show and his pains were rewarded by the admiration evidenced in the hand-clapping. Boylan-Pearce also staged a wedding scene which rivaled the first presentation, and no less beautiful were the other creations shown by every firm represented, though presented in the usual conventional manner. Smithfield young ladies who helped in displaying these chic and nobby costumes were: Misses Frances Green, Arah Hooks, Evelyn Wilson, Delia Ellington, Elizabeth Creech and Marie Anne Stevens.

Mrs. Harry P. Stevens was chairman of the Style Show committee and she was assisted in making a success of this feature of the Exposition by Mrs. H. L. Skinner.

### DEATH CLAIMS AGED CONFEDERATE VETERAN

Friends here of Mr. A. B. Sasser, aged Confederate veteran, will be grieved to hear of his death which occurred Wednesday afternoon about two o'clock in the hospital at the Old Soldier's Home, Raleigh. Death came quietly, peacefully a lingering illness of about a year.

Mr. Sasser was nearly eighty-two years of age and for fifteen years he had been a great sufferer. He was born near Walters, Wayne County, in June 1843 and was the son of Col. John Sasser and Eliza Sasser. More than fifty years ago he married Mrs. Bettie Whitley Barnett, a half-sister of Mr. A. J. Whitley, who lives near here. Mrs. Sasser died two years ago last September. Soon after that time Mr. Sasser went to live at the Old Soldier's Home where he remained until his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Sasser moved to Johnston county from Wayne about 1874 and for twenty-five years lived in Smithfield. For nearly twenty years Mrs. Sasser was a helpless invalid and during all those years her husband was her constant, devoted companion, tireless in his efforts to make her comfortable. He was for many years a member of the Methodist church and was ever a devout Christian. He was always kind and considerate of others never failing anyone in an hour of need when he was able to render any assistance. In his youth he volunteered for service in the Confederate army and served his country during the hard-fought struggle of 1861-65.

The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 3:30 at Sanders Chapel and interment was made in the cemetery there by the side of his wife. The services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. A. J. Parker, assisted by Rev. W. J. Watson, of Four Oaks.

## FIRE COMPLETELY DESTROYS BARN

Fire of Unknown Origin Sweeps Over Three Big Barns On Poole Place

LOCAL GIRLS MODELS FEEDSTUFFS BURNED

The fire department was called out yesterday morning about eight o'clock under the impression that J. W. Moore's residence in this city was on fire. Instead of the Moore home, however, it proved to be the old home of Mrs. Moore about two and a half miles from town. This place was known as the Poole place. Three big barns were completely destroyed by fire.

It is not known how the fire originated but stiff wind from the north caused the fire to sweep over the three buildings. All the stock and practically all the farm implements were saved by the hard work of the crowd which had quickly gathered from the neighborhood. The fire truck from this city and also a number of citizens rushed to the scene of the fire but were too late to save the barns. A bucket brigade prevented the burning of a fourth building, which housed Mr. Poole's cotton.

Mr. John Poole, who lives at this farm carried insurance to the amount of \$2,250, which will not nearly cover the loss. A quantity of feedstuffs and cotton seed were burned. No feed for his stock was saved except a small amount of hay.

### ANOTHER TRAPPED IN CAVE IN KENTUCKY

Cave City, Ky., April 14.—Sand Cave, claimant of the life of Floyd Collins, Cave explorer, trapped Elmer Hays in its death chamber for more than an hour today.

Shifting rocks of the cave suddenly blocked the passage of the lateral leading from the shaft of Collins' body as Hays, a member of the party now trying to release Collins' body, was about to ascend the crawlway in the lateral. A rope was used to pull Hays to safety.

This accident resulted in an order prohibiting anyone from entering the cave by way of the lateral tunnel, which is 55 feet under-ground. Because of this danger, W. H. Hunt, Central City, Ky., mining engineer in charge of the work, immediately began to sink the shaft 10 feet deeper. At the 65-foot depth another lateral will be cribbed to the natural tomb, making it large enough to extract the body. The additional work will require at least another week, Mr. Hunt estimated tonight.

Billy Sunday says that the man who buys liquor is just as mean as the man who sells it in violation of law. He is absolutely right. The writer has often wondered why it is that laws are directed solely at the man who sells the stuff.

### WOMAN NAMED FOR BOARD OF ALDERMEN

The first woman to be named on any town board of aldermen in Johnston county is Mrs. B. B. Adams of Four Oaks, who was nominated in a primary held in that town last Friday night together with Messrs. W. J. Lewis and D. W. Lambe. Dr. J. W. Stanley was named as mayor, and R. A. Keen for coroner. The election will take place the first week in May and the new officers will select a policeman.

This is the first time that women in Four Oaks have taken any special interest in town politics, but the ladies had been studying a book on citizenship, and it was driven home to them that they had a duty in standing by the men to elect efficient officers. When it became noised abroad that the women were going to the town convention, instead of the usual little handful to get together and name a ticket to their liking, the town hall was packed on last Friday night. The above named ticket appears to be a good one and no doubt will be elected without any trouble.

## Ku Klux Parade Draws Big Crowd

SWADE BARBOUR, JR.



First prize winner in boy baby show.

A Thousand Hooded Figures Make Impressive Scene In Line of March

TREMENDOUS CROWD HERE

The predictions that the Ku Klux parade would draw a bigger crowd than anything else scheduled for Exposition week, were more than fulfilled Wednesday evening when the streets of Smithfield were literally thronged to see the spectacle which had been announced. Some were sceptical, we are told, as to whether it would really come off, and failed to come to town, but between ten and fifteen thousand people took a shot on the announcement's being true and were on hand for this, one of the biggest occasions of the Exposition.

The twilight hour approached and men, women and children hurried the evening meal in order to catch the first glimpse of the robed figures as they started down the line of march. Darkness deepened, the crowd grew denser, and anticipation keener, until at last from the east end of Market street glowing fire brands thrown on the pavement, the blare of trumpets and the roll of drums proclaimed that the army of Kluckers was on the march. And it was a veritable army. Fully a thousand and over, marched two and two, rode horse back or appeared in automobiles in the parade.

Chief Cable mounted on a horse rode in front of the line made by ropes stretched by the Boy Scouts to keep the people back. Mounted Klansmen in all the regalia of the order headed the procession. A brass band from Fayetteville followed the horsemen and these in turn by a double line of Klansmen representing twelve cities in Eastern North Carolina. It was an impressive scene with the fiery crosses recalling the Scotch custom of assembling the Highlanders, and for the most part the crowd was comparatively quiet until the banner bearing the words: "One School," followed by a little red school house, came in sight, and then in turn the various banners were applauded. The banners bore the following inscriptions: "One Flag"; "One Bible"; "Home Protection"; "100 per cent American."

About a hundred women Ku Klux marched in the parade, and were on hand at the Smithfield Tobacco Warehouse where a generous barbecue feed was served to the entire body after the parade.

For the most part the Kluckers were masked but occasionally appeared robed figures with their masks off.

### Recorder's Court Proceedings

Only three cases were tried in Recorder's Court here Tuesday. They were as follows:

State vs. Alonzo Lassiter, Sam Lassiter and Mamie Lassiter (all colored) charged with violating the prohibition law. Defendants guilty. Alonzo Lassiter was given four months in jail and taxed with one-third costs; Sam Lassiter, sixty days in jail and one-third costs; Mamie Lassiter, 60 days in jail and one-third costs.

State vs. B. G. Stancill, disposing of mortgaged property. The defendant paid one-third the costs and two of the prosecuting witness paid one-third of the cost each.

State vs. Fred Lee, assault with deadly weapon and cursing. Guilty on two counts. The defendant was given eight months in jail to work on roads in first count, and 60 days in jail and pay cost in second count; jail sentences to run concurrently.

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express to my friends my heart-felt thanks for their kind services by lending a helping hand during my dear brother's illness and death. May God fully repay you for your kindness and thoughtfulness and for every service rendered.

W. A. MASSENGILL, Four Oaks, N. C.

## CO. BOARD WANTS PEOPLES WISHES

Defer Calling Election In Regard To Circular Road Until First Monday in May

According to Mr. M. L. Stancil, clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, the calling of the election to vote on the circular road proposition will be postponed until the first Monday in May, and in the meantime the County Board wants an expression from the people as to whether to call the election or not. The following statement in regard to the matter has been given out by the clerk to the Board of Commissioners:

"Senator P. D. Grady went before the Board of County Commissioners last first Monday and made a plea to have the Board call an election so the people of Johnston County could have an opportunity to vote on the question as to whether or not they are in favor of having levied a county-wide tax of 15 cents on all taxable property in Johnston county in order to build a circular road around the county as provided for in a recent act of the legislature. It is the desire of the Board of County Commissioners that a sufficient number of representative citizens of the county come before them at their May meeting and express themselves on this matter to give them a clear idea as to the public sentiment of the county that is for or against calling an election to vote on the question. If the sentiment against this proposed road tax seems to be overwhelmingly strong, then no election will be called and the tax will not be voted on the people, but if the sentiment for voting the tax seems to be overwhelmingly strong, then the commissioners will be expected to order an election and put the question up to a vote of the people. It is hoped that a sufficient number of people will come before the Board next first Monday to give a clear idea as to the general sentiment of the county in regard to this question. Petitions signed by the qualified voters of the county will be considered."

### Miss Van Deinsne At Methodist Church

Miss Gertrude Van Deinsne, who has been delighting the large audiences at the Exposition will sing at the eleven o'clock service at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

Mr. Reece, a member of Mr. Victor's band, the man who makes the violin talk, will give some special numbers on the violin, during the opening period of the Sunday school.

The sermon will be by the pastor, Rev. A. J. Parker.

There are twenty-five million cats in the United States according to recent reports. This is one reason why bird life is disappearing from about the farms. Birds reduce losses from insects while cats reduce nothing except the family larder.