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VA. FIRM LEASES REDRYING PLANT

Williamson - Spencer, Inc., of Danville Will Operate Plant of the T. S. Ragsdale Co. Next Season.

LIKES OUR TOBACCO

The people of this city and tobacco growers throughout this section will be interested in the announcement that Williamson-Spencer, Inc. of Danville, Va. has leased the steam re-drying plant and storage warehouse of the T. S. Ragsdale Co. and will begin operation of it during the coming season.

This firm has a big business in Danville and is experienced in the tobacco industry. The Smithfield plant will be in the personal charge of Mr. W. C. Spencer who expects to remain here during the annual Eastern Carolina selling season. With a personnel of experienced assistants and complete facilities for handling, re-drying and storing tobacco, they will be prepared to offer the trade the best possible service.

Mr. Spencer in a letter to the Chamber of Commerce of this city makes the following statement:

"In coming to Smithfield we were influenced by the quality of tobacco grown in your territory as well as by the hope and belief that your city has a future as a tobacco market that will prove profitable to your entire section in addition to those more closely affiliated with the tobacco business. We wish to offer our services in assisting Smithfield to regain her proper place among the markets of the Eastern Carolina district and we hope the various civic bodies will lend their efforts toward the attainment of this goal."

Death of Mr. Wm. R. Hill

Selma, May 13.—Mr. William R. Hill, after a lingering illness passed peacefully away at his home here Sunday morning, May 10, at four o'clock.

Mr. Hill was stricken with rheumatism ten years ago and for nine years he has been a helpless invalid in a rolling chair. But in all this long time, his faithful wife says he was never known to murmur or complain. His faith in God was an inspiration to all who knew him. He was faithful in every walk of life, a good neighbor, a good friend and a devoted husband and father. A number of years ago he joined the Free Will Baptist church, but had been unable to attend services for years.

He was 70 years of age. He was married to Miss Annie E. Capps on February 18, 1891. To this union were born five children, two passing away in infancy. Surviving are his widow, two sons, Messrs. W. H. and W. G. Hill, of Selma, and one daughter, Mrs. J. B. Moore, of Bentonville township, besides one brother, Mr. R. L. Hill, of the Sanders Chapel section, and one sister, Mrs. Edna Sellers, of Pine Level.

The funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the home, Rev. C. H. Cashwell officiating. The lovely floral offerings bore mute testimony to the love and esteem in which he was held. Interment was made in the family burying ground near Brogden. The pallbearers were: Messrs. A. K. Eason, Wade Brown, Marshall Strickland, Theo Eason and Charlie Wiggs.

Benson School Closing

Benson, May 14.—Mr. Sam K. Phillips, of Fayetteville, preached the baccalaureate sermon Sunday. Dr. Capehart of the N. C. C. W. delivered the annual address Wednesday. The speaker was introduced by Dr. A. S. Oliver. The school had the largest number of graduate this year in the history of the school. The largest number received certificates for being neither tardy nor absent. The class day exercises Tuesday evening were especially interesting. It was a garden scene. The Senior play was one of the best the school has ever staged.

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Best U. S. Athlete



Plansky, of Georgetown University, won the famous Decathlon championship at the Penn Relay games, stamping himself the best all-around athlete in the U. S.

FORTY THREE PASS 7TH GRADE EXAM

Ninety-Six From the Sixth Months Schools Take Examinations Given Under Uniform Conditions

FIVE ON HONOR ROLL

On April 25th, pupils of the seventh grade in the six months schools in Johnston county stood examination on spelling, arithmetic, English, geography and history. Ninety-six boys and girls took the examination and forty-three passed, making less than half to be promoted next year. Only five made an average of eighty per cent or above. These examinations are prepared and the papers are graded in the county superintendent's office and they are given under uniform conditions.

Vera Lassiter, of the Hopewell school, has the distinction of making the highest average, her grade being 87.4-5 per cent. Pleasant Grove claims five of the nine best spellers. The five making an average of eighty per cent or above are as follows: Vera Lassiter, Hopewell school, 87.4-5; Geneva Pleasant, of Sunny Nook, 83; Annie Barbour, Hopewell, 83; Alden Westbrook, Mill Creek, 82.3-5; Florence Creech, Thanksgiving, 81.3-5.

The nine on the honor roll in spelling who made grades ranging from 92 to 100 are as follows: Alden Westbrook, Mill Creek, 100; Loney Talton, and Howard Wood, Pleasant Grove, and Lona Blackman, Hightower; Geneva Pleasant, Sunny Nook; Annie Barbour and Vera Lassiter, Hopewell; and Julia Barbour, Sandy Ridge. Only one made the honor roll in arithmetic, Gilbert Poole, of Powhatan. Two made the honor roll in English, Bonnie Poole, of Powhatan, and Geneva Pleasant, of Sunny Nook. Three made averages above ninety in geography, namely: Marvin Stephenson, Jessie Overby and Annie Barbour, of Hopewell. Three made averages above 91 in history, as follows: Bettie Earp and Florence Creech, of Thanksgiving; Zettie Kornegay, of Progress.

Seventh grade examination for those in the seventh and eighth months schools will be given here Saturday at the high school building.

MOTHER'S DAY OBSERVED AT EDGERTON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Selma, May 13.—At the Sunday school hour a Mother's Day pageant was very successfully carried out, each grade in the school taking part. The young folks and children acquitted themselves creditably and much praise is due their efficient teachers. The church was decorated with roses and peonies. At the eleven o'clock service Dr. Fitzgerald preached a masterly sermon, his theme being "True Womanhood." Miss Agnes Dodson, of Winston-Salem, sang "Mother of My Heart," and Mrs. M. R. Wall sang "I'll Wear a White Flower For You." The entire service was touching and impressive.

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First & Citizens National Bank

Smithfield, N. C.

T. R. HOOD, President R. P. HOLDING, Cashier

We, the undersigned Finance Committee of the First and Citizens National Bank, Smithfield, N. C., wish to certify that this Bank is in a healthy financial condition. We have been in business for twenty-seven years and we are stronger today than ever before. We have Capital, Surplus, Profits and Reserves of MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS. You will observe that this is an unusually large amount of cash invested in the Bank by our stockholders. We are informed and believe that we have the largest Cash Capital in proportion to our liabilities of any Bank in North Carolina.

We are here to serve and invite our friends and customers to call to see us. Signed:

N. B. GRANTHAM W. F. GRIMES R. P. HOLDING
T. R. HOOD DR. L. D. WHARTON
Finance Committee

The First and Citizens National Bank

SMITHFIELD, N. C.

Dr. Hilley To Speak At Glendale School

On Friday Night, May 22, there will be an entertainment at the Glendale school auditorium consisting of short plays, vocal and instrumental music. There will be a small admission charge in order to help pay for the new stage curtain. Anybody who enjoys music and funny plays cannot afford to miss this program.

The commencement exercises will be as follows:

Sunday, May 31, at 3:30 p. m. sermon before the school by President H. S. Hilley, of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson.

Wednesday, June 3, 8:15 p. m. opera by primary grades.

Thursday, June 4, 8:15 p. m. play, "Little Clothopper", by the high school.

Friday, June 5, at 2:00 p. m. declamation contest, reading contest, presentation of certificates, medals, etc. All of these exercises will be free of charge and everybody is invited.

Honor roll in Glendale school for last month:

First grade: Pluma Stencil, Myrtle Johnson, Pearl Pittman, W. R. Hodge, Jr., Percy Starling, J. B. Godwin, Jr., Ruby Woodard, Bessie Holland, Carl Hinnant and Lois Radford.

Second grade: Ione Davis, Beulah Pittman, Carlettie Stencil, Esther Woodard, Jesse Woodard and Clifton Holland.

Third grade: Mae Pittman.

Fourth grade: Beulah Starling, Rosa Godwin, Stephen Harold Alford.

Sixth grade: Mavis Holland and Pauline Boyette.

Eighth grade: Irene Woodard and Rena Woodard.

Ninth grade: Eunice Woodard.

Tenth grade: Irene Holland.

WOMAN IS KILLED WHEN BOLT STRIKES HOUSE

Lumberton, May 12.—During a severe electrical storm here this afternoon one colored woman was instantly killed and another seriously injured when lightning struck a house in which the woman who was killed was cooking and a telephone pole near another house in which the injured woman was standing.

The woman was standing under an electric light and evidently stirring something in a pot on the stove. A cat was found dead at the woman's feet. The condition of the other woman is serious.

Choir Practice Tonight

Choir practice will be held at the Presbyterian church this evening at 7:45 o'clock. Every member of the choir is urged to be present.

Recorder's Court

The following cases were tried in Recorder's Court here Tuesday:

State vs A. H. Stewart, assault with automobile. Guilty of reckless driving of car. Defendant required to pay for damage of car and pay cost. Notice of appeal given.

State vs Susie Smith, slander. Charge changed to trespass. Plea of guilty of trespass entered. Cost to be paid by defendant.

State vs Edward Powell, trespass. Judgment suspended two years upon payment of costs.

State vs Johnnie Ashford, carrying concealed weapon. Defendant plead guilty. Fined \$50 and costs.

State vs Marvin Smith, driving car recklessly while intoxicated. Judgment suspended two years upon payment of costs and repairing automobile.

State vs Robert Morris, driving automobile while intoxicated. Judgment suspended upon repairing the automobile.

State vs Ezra Rains, assault and battery. Defendant plead guilty. Judgment suspended upon good behavior and payment of costs.

State vs Everett Eason, simple assault. Defendant entered plea of guilty. Judgment suspended upon good behavior and pay costs.

State vs Clarence Utley, non support. Defendant found guilty. Defendant confined in jail four months.

State vs James Utley, Dockey Wheeler, W. D. Faircloth and Joe Evans, breaking jail. First three defendants found guilty; sentenced to three months on roads and pay costs. Joe Evans not guilty.

State vs Bill Konoclas, assault. Judgment suspended upon payment of one third of cost.

State vs Albert Surles, violation of prohibition law. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Selma Kiwanians Guest

Benson, May 15.—The Selma and Benson Kiwanis Clubs had a joint luncheon Tuesday evening at the North State Hotel in Benson. The Selma club had charge of the after dinner program, Mr. O. P. Fitzgerald, chairman. Dr. A. S. Oliver, president of the Benson Club welcomed the Selma club. The response was made by George F. Brietz, of Selma. The main speaker of the evening was O. P. Fitzgerald. His subject was "Man and Kiwanis." There were fourteen present from the Selma club. A very appetizing menu was served by the North State Hotel.

It takes 132.5 hours of man labor and 59.6 hours of mule labor to produce an acre of cotton according to findings secured by the United States Department of Agriculture in Georgia.

WEEVIL EXPERT TO BE HERE SOON

Mr. J. M. Todd, Boll Weevil Expert, To Be In Johnston County Two Weeks Beginning June 15

THREE DEMONSTRATIONS.

Announcement has been made by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce that Mr. J. M. Todd, a graduate in Entomology of Clemson College, will be the Boll Weevil man who as been assigned to Smithfield for the ten weeks beginning June 15. This weevil expert will spend his entire time fighting the bug in the Smithfield community. He will be under the direct supervision of Mr. Bruce Maybee, Field Entomologist of the State College. He will have at least three demonstrations on which he will keep correct records to show the benefits derived from poisoning.

The following firms financed this man for the ten weeks: The First and Citizens National Bank, W. M. Sanders and Son and Austin Stephenson Co. From all indications the infestation will be heavy this year and these men that are being placed by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Extension Service and State College, will have plenty to do. Although this man will belong to these three firms mentioned above, they will be delighted to have the community benefit from the various meetings and demonstrations that will be held within a few miles of Smithfield. "We must fight this pest, if we are to hold our own as a cotton growing state," said Secretary Bartlett, recently while discussing this campaign.

DUST ROSE BUSHES TO PREVENT DISEASE

Raleigh, May 11.—Powdery mildew and blotch, two very common diseases of the rose, now beginning to appear, may be controlled effectively by dusting with sulphur-arsenate made by mixing 19 parts of finely ground sulphur to one part of dry powdered arsenate of lead.

This dust material amounts almost to a specific for the two rose diseases. The material should be thoroughly mixed before applying and dusted on the plants with a dust gun. If a dust gun is not available one may use the home made device of a cloth sack on a pole.

Dr. F. A. Wolf, plant disease investigator for the North Carolina Experiment Station, recommends that the dust be put on when the plants are damp with dew or rain. Several applications at intervals of a few days may be necessary to bring the disease under control but best success always follows where the dusting is started with the first appearance of the disease.

Dr. Wolf states that the Rambler group of roses is subject to mildew but it is not destructive to bush roses; on the other hand, blotch is confined almost entirely to bush roses and nearly all rambler are free from its attack. The mildew is characterized by a frosty or powdery coating on the leaves, young stems and flower buds. The affected leaves become curled and twisted and drop off prematurely. The affected buds either fail to open or the flowers are imperfect. Blotch shows itself by the presence of large black patches on the leaves. As the blotches develop, the leaves become light green, then yellow and finally drop off. This will so weaken the vigor of the plant that few flowers will be formed.

"Dusting is better than spraying," says Dr. Wolf, "because the liquid sprays discolor the foliage and flowers with the dried coating."

COMMENCEMENT SERMON AT CORBETT-HATCHER

Rev. A. M. Mitchell, of Richmond, Va., will preach the commencement sermon at Corbett-Hatcher Sunday, May 17th at 3 o'clock. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to all.

TWICE GIVES HIS BLOOD

Duluth, Minn.—Avery Nelson, who has twice given his blood for transfusion operations on his brother, was rejected when he volunteered a third time.

DELEGATE REPORTS STATE FEDERATION

Mrs. W. N. Holt Gives Interesting Account of Activities of The Federated Women of North Carolina

REGULAR BUSINESS MEET.

The outstanding feature of the meeting of the Woman's Club Wednesday afternoon was the report from the State Federation given by one of the delegates from this club, Mrs. W. N. Holt. The regular routine of business was disposed of, Mr. H. V. Rose, county Welfare officer, was heard in regard to some needy cases in the community, and a motion was carried that the club ask the town to pass an ordinance requiring the pool room to be located on a first floor with no screens around to obstruct the view to passers-by, but the interest of those present centered in the doings of the Federation.

Mrs. Holt after a brief comment upon Pinehurst, the place of meeting, devoted her remarks to the actual workings of that great convention of North Carolina women, bringing to her hearers an insight as to the present program and plans of the Federated clubs of this state.

In part Mrs. Holt spoke as follows: "The keynote of the president's address was to urge the women to use the ballot as the best means of getting what we most need. We are not to be discouraged in not passing bills at the last legislature, but must enlarge our forces and fight the harder in the future, realizing that what we are asking is not for us but for the homes and children of the country."

"A part of every session was taken up with reports from all phases of the work, and I would like to say here how necessary it is to report all activities to the district president. We heard reports that included burying grounds bought, under-nourished children fed, club houses built, libraries bought and run, everything you can imagine for the betterment and uplift of humanity.

"Mrs. John L. Gilmer reported that we have thirty-five new clubs with 875 members and that we have on roll 50,767 club and affiliated club members at present.

"The thing of interest and concern to us was the division of the districts. They have divided the districts geographically and according to the highways and railroads for convenience. We are now in district No. 13 which is composed of Nash, Edgecombe, Wayne, Wilson and Johnston. In a conference of these delegates, Mrs. B. J. Downey, of Nashville, was suggested as our district president.

"Mrs. R. N. Page in her report of civics urged that we use our influence to enforce the law prohibiting drivers under sixteen; not to hire servants until we have assured ourselves that they have no contagious disease; study government and encourage women to vote, the last election having shown a marked decrease in women's vote.

"The keynote or slogan for the entire Federation meeting was the American home. All of the papers and talks looked toward home improvement and development. It was particularly significant that the principal speaker for one of the sessions was Dr. Louise Stanley, chief of the United States Bureau of Home Economics.

"Tuesday evening was devoted to fine arts. Prizes were given for the best hand-painted china, interior decorations, and musical compositions, all of which tend toward the stimulation of the fine arts in the home. What might be termed a demonstration of a family orchestra was given by the Phol family. Rev. and Mrs. Phol, their six children, playing different instruments, gave a delightful program.

"The chief address of the last day was made by Mrs. Ida Clyde Clarke, her subject being: 'A New Woman Looks at an Old World.'

Mrs. Holt also told of the delightful social functions that were a part of the Federation meeting and told of the visits which the Federation made to the State Sanatorium and to Samaritans.