

# The Smithfield Herald

## THANKS BUSINESS MEN FOR SUPPORT

Business Manager Gives Cooperation of Business Men Credit For Success of First Annual.

In the following article Mr. Lawrence Stencil, business manager of the High School Annual, expresses his appreciation for the co-operation of all those who helped to make the Annual a success:

"Our Smithfield High School Annual has been a success. This is an accomplishment which the Senior Class is proud of and one which the town should be proud of. We were late in getting started on arranging and preparing the Annual for the press and most of the other schools had already sent their annuals to the press before we had elected our staff and before we had fully decided upon having an Annual. But even though we were late in getting started, we began work immediately and worked late hours at night in order to get the matter to the press in time to get a discount on it. And soon we had it completed and sent it to the press. The next thing was to collect our advertising accounts and get subscriptions for the Annual. This was started by all the members of the staff cooperating with the business manager and the advertising manager. In a short while we had approximately four hundred and fifty dollars from advertisements and had sold most of the Annuals. But we did not stop because we knew that we had some extra money to raise in order to sell the Annual at a low price, and we did anything that we could to make money, however, no tragedies or hold-ups have been reported to date.

"The printing company soon notified us that our Annuals were ready for delivery and that the whole amount of seven hundred thirty-eight dollars and seventy-one cents was due. We soon had the amount together and the Annuals were delivered. Everybody almost went wild when the Annuals were delivered to them. The teachers who bought Annuals were equally as interested.

"The Annual 'Staff' is to be congratulated upon undertaking such an enterprise and making it a complete success. We especially want to thank Miss Jessie Penny, Senior teacher, who had been so wholly interested in the Seniors and seemed to be unusually gratified at seeing that all the undertakings of the class were successful.

"Our Annual was successful only by the cooperation of the business men of the town in giving us ads in our book. We are greatly indebted to all the business houses of the town who subscribed to our advertising section and we feel that it was only through them that the Annual was a success."

## CLINTON TO PROMOTE BIG 4TH. JULY CELEBRATION

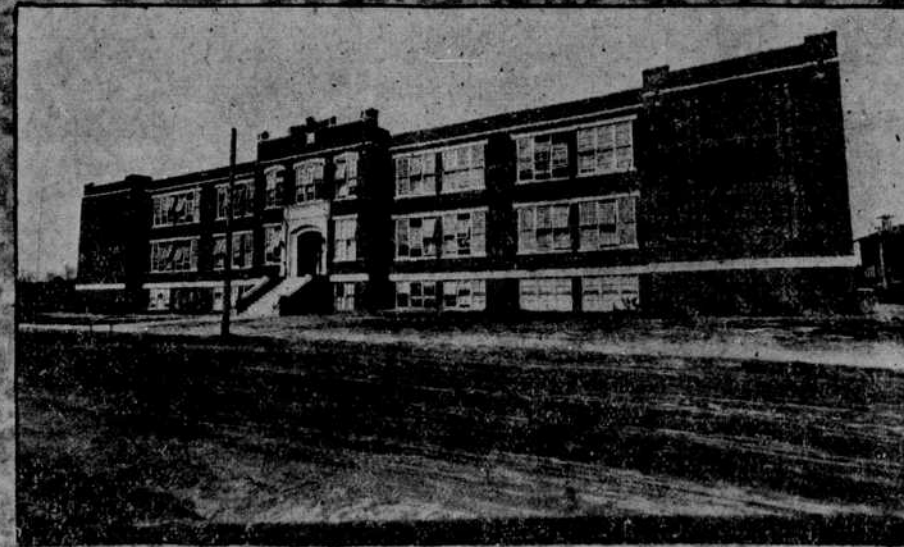
Clinton, May 22.—Officers and Directors of the Sampson county Fair Association met and unanimously decided to promote a series of events in the Clinton Fair ground next July fourth. The program will be composed largely of automobile and motorcycle racing, and a ball game, however, there will be other events by local contestants such as pie eating contest, potato racing, bicycle racing, a hundred yard dash, three legged racing, etc. An out of town speaker will deliver a regular Fourth of July address.

Owing to the fact that Clinton has not staged a big celebration in many years on the fourth of July, the fair ground directors have secured the help of an able promoter who declares he will stage the best Fourth of July program in Eastern North Carolina. Every available effort is being made to make the celebration a great success.

Stephenson-Brady

Married in this city Thursday, May 21, Miss Leone Brady and Mr. Lonnie A. Stephenson of Clayton. Justice of the Peace, D. T. Lunceford, performed the ceremony.

## TEMPLES OF LEARNING



HIGH SCHOOL



GRADED SCHOOL

## History of the Smithfield Graded Schools

The Turlington Graded School of Smithfield was formed from the old Turlington Institute. The school bears the name of the man who spent the greater part of his life in sincere devotion to the upbuilding of education in Smithfield and Johnston county. He had been head of the Turlington Institute for twenty years and was superintendent of the present school for five years. The building was then a large wooden frame of seven rooms. The enrollment of the school was 237, and the faculty consisted of five members. The trustees were E. W. Pou, president; W. L. Woodall, secretary; J. W. Wellons, T. R. Hood and J. D. Underwood. Supplies of books were bought, and rented to the pupils each season.

In 1910, Mr. Vermont was elected

superintendent, to succeed Mr. Turlington, a position which he held until 1917. In his first year the eleventh grade was added and seven Seniors were graduated.

In 1911 a petition for bonds was made in order to erect a modernly equipped brick building. The petition was granted, the bonds were sold, and the contract was given to Joe W. Stout and Company of Sanford.

Mr. H. B. Marrow succeeded Mr. Vermont in 1917. Mr. George T. Whitley continued to act as principal, a position which he held for a number of years, giving his best support to every improvement undertaken. During the four years of Mr. Marrow's superintendency the number of students increased so rapidly that a new building was necessary to afford

them the proper training. Again bonds were discussed and issued in the summer of 1921.

In this year Mr. Thomas H. Franks, who had been principal during the 1920-21 terms, was elected superintendent, and through his efforts the bonds were raised, the contract let to the Keyon-Thompson Company of Raleigh, and the Smithfield high school building, one of the best in the State, was completed in 1922. It was then that the county began to bring in by trucks, children of the rural districts, following out their plan of putting every child in the county within reach of a standard high school. During Mr. Franks' four years as superintendent he has given loyal support to the upbuilding of athletics in this school and to raising the scholarship standard to the highest level of any high school. Today the school has an enrollment of 1,200 and employs a faculty of thirty. The presents Senior class consists of thirty-three members.

## COWS AND CHICKENS ADD MONEY INCOME

Raleigh, May 18.—Four cows and a flock of Barred Plymouth Rock poultry transformed the grain farm of Joe Ridenhour of Rockwell in Rowan county, from a poorly paying enterprise into one which keeps the level of work about the same during the year and in addition pays a handsome income to the operator.

The story is told by W. G. Yeager, county agent for the Agricultural Extension Service at State College, who says, "Mr. Ridenhour moved to his present farm about four years ago. He began his farming operations by growing wheat, some cotton, corn and other grains. He kept one cow. Two years of grain and cotton farming convinced Mr. Ridenhour that he needed something to supply him with more money. Casting about for a solution, he and his wife decided to add more cows and start a flock of pure bred poultry. They did. I visited them last week and found that the dependent grain farm, with its seasons of overwork and underwork, has been transformed into an independent farm with the level of work more nearly uniform throughout the year and with an established, weekly, cash income.

Mr. Yeager states that this is only a small one-man farm but that it is bringing to its owner success and financial independence. The cows and poultry pointed the way, he says.

## WHAT Would Happen---

If Nell Meacham would be quiet five minutes?

If Marjorie Johnston became a flapper?

If Mary Gattis Holland stopped flirting?

If Arah Hooks left her vanity case home?

If Louise Parrish stopped making eyes?

If Pokey Stevens would stop powdering her nose?

If Leo Ennis didn't know her history lesson?

If Worth Boyette stopped talking?

If Elizabeth Creech could be still?

If Sam Booker grew up?

If Ellen Patterson made less than ninety-five?

If Lawrence Stencil became a woman-hater?

If Elizabeth Holland turned out to be an old maid?

If Ralph Talton stopped using stacomb?

If Rachel Creech lost her lipstick?

If Theron Johnston was serious?

If Jeanette Holland became old-fashioned?

If Henry Royall was not practical?

If Mattie Lassiter would stop blushing?

If Willard Lawrence gained fifty pounds? ? ? ? ?

If Carrie Young lost one hundred pounds?

If James Kirkman fell in love?

If Maude Blackman stopped studying?

If Durwood Creech stopped rooking the girls?

If Virginia Broadhurst lost her magnetic power?

If Irving Gillette stopped curling his hair? ? ? ?

If Ann Stevens misplaced her rouge?

If Ed Turnage could talk as fast as Eli Lee?

If Rose Grantham grew six feet tall?

If Hugh Ragsdale stopped skipping?

If Pauline Rand would get to school on time?

If Marvin Adams laughed out loud?

If Nellie Grantham left off her pranks?

If Dan Kirkman wasn't bashful?

If Millard Stallings was girl-shy?

If Hilda Peedin was selfish?

If Herman Lawrence put on long trousers?

If Sarah Adams couldn't chew gum?

If Thomas Watson got kicked by his girl?

If Margaret Aycock didn't have any beaux?

If Donnie Ward became masculine?

If Edna Hildebrand drew pay and not pictures?

If Thad Young was graceful?

If Elizabeth Aycock couldn't entertain?

If Joe Honeycutt could sing?

If Katherine Smitha learned to dance?

If Raymond forgot to be original?

If Nolia Gurley stopped giggling?

## MOTHER

By Mary Carolyn Davies

Mothers!

The gray-haired mother, whose successful sons and happy daughters bring flowers and love—

The young girl-wife, with her first baby in her arms—

The mother of seven, struggling against poverty and fear and want, but keeping the six patched and mended and in school, and the baby clean—

The mother in the shack on the prairie, in the homestead on the range, in the mountains far from church or neighbors, who becomes church and neighbors and civilization to her children—

The average mother of the average family, with the average amount of bills and worries over Johnny's measles and Mary's beaux—

Mothers!

May Providence strengthen them to go on with high hearts for another year—when we will again bear loving gifts of white carnations or, if too far from them, send our grateful telegram.

Mothers! God bless them.—From The Delineator for May.

## SMITHFIELD HIGHS MAKE FINE RECORD

Basketball Team Won Eastern Championship In 1922-23; Other Teams Did Fine

The year 1921-22 saw the real beginning of athletics in the Smithfield High School. That year she had her first football team that went into the Semi-Eastern finals for championship by defeating Raleigh and other strong teams. The team was built around Holland, Skinner and Ellington. The season of 1922-23 opened with Charles B. Park, (N. C. State), as coach, but due to the fact that all the team did not pass the required amount of work, the team did not enter the championship race. Coach W. L. Rice (V. P. I.) trained the 1922-23 squad, which was only defeated by Sanford, the Eastern champions.

Basket Ball also came into the limelight in 1921-22. For new material the team did unusually well under the direction of Dr. C. V. Tyner and R. P. Holding, 1922-23 saw the same team back ready to go the limit in training. Coach Park's excellent coaching led the team to victories over Durham, New Bern, Sanford, and others; pushing them through the Easter finals to meet Asheville, the western champions. Asheville won by the score of 24-23. The next year the same team was not quite as successful, having lost in the Eastern finals to Durham. The girls' basketball team during the past three years, under the coaching of Miss Evelyn Wilson, has had very successful seasons and has been well up into the championship each year.

Baseball remained in the background until the spring '23, not having sufficient funds in 1922 to enter the championship race. It proved to be a worthy team by the fact that it met its only defeat by Woodland, the Eastern champions. The 1924 team had practically the same record. Rockingham was the conqueror in the Semi-Eastern Championship game.

Last year saw the beginning of Tract Athletics in our school for the first time. During the spring a Field Day was held in which marked interest and ability was shown, leading us to expect even greater effort this spring.

Each year sees us broadening in the field of athletics. A system of intra-scholastic athletics is being attempted this year. In addition to the recreational and health-building value of athletic games there is the splendid training life. Then all the students should receive such benefit. It is undemocratic and unjust to spend all the money for the training of the fifteen per cent who make the team and let the other eighty-five per cent shift for themselves. The students who cannot make the teams probably have the greatest need for the systematic and directed athletic training. Coach Rice is this year laying the foundation for the new policy of athletics for all. One or two teacher-coaches cannot direct and coach teams for all students. It will be necessary to secure five or six teachers who can assist in coaching.

## Costs 53c To Leave Ton Manure In Barnyard

The farmer who allows stable manure to accumulate in his barnyard gets taxed 53c for every ton, according to figures of the University of Ohio, which has just completed a 21-year test. Measured by the average value of crop increase, the Ohio investigators found one ton of yard manure worth \$2.92, and a ton of stall manure \$3.45. Whether your farm is located in the South of cotton and tobacco fame, on northern dairy farms, in the commercial vegetable or fruit areas, or the Corn Belt, the same rule holds true. Install a litter carrier to carry out the stable manure and dump it on a spreader, which can be hauled to the field at any time of the year. It will pay big returns, says the Research Department of the National Association of Farm Equipment Manufacturers.

Freddie: Grandfather was a big timber man, wasn't he?  
His Uncle: Well, he had a wooden leg!—Good Hardware.



Superintendent Thos. H. Franks