

Mr. Farmer: It Will Pay You to Sell Your Tobacco in Smithfield This Season

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SMITHFIELD NEEDS:

- Bigger Pay Roll.
- A Modern Hotel.
- Renovation of Opera House.
- More Paved Streets.
- Chamber of Commerce.

"We Like
Smithfield--
You Will Too"

MR. PARKER TAKES UNUSUAL SUBJECT

"Flies" Is The Subject of Discourse Delivered Sunday Morning.

HAD FOLKS GUESSING

"When a man says he believes in evolution, I want him to define it," said Rev. A. J. Parker in his sermon at the Methodist church Sunday morning. "If he means progress, then I am with him, but if he means evolving from one species to another, I am not with him."

The preacher's subject Sunday morning was "Flies," and he had his congregation guessing as to the sort of message he could bring on such a homely subject.

"It does not take a handful of flies to spoil a plate of delicious soup," declared the preacher, "just one will spoil it, and so it is with men and women. A single sin may spoil one's usefulness. A fine fellow may be honest, reliable and accommodating, but he swears. Another may play cards for fun, but somehow that 'fly' will prevent him from helping a lost sinner. Still another may gamble for money, and it makes no difference whether it is in some parlor among finely dressed ladies with cut glass or linen for a prize, or in some back room with doors locked in a game of poker, or playing the future markets in an illegitimate manner, or the little boys playing marbles for keeps, the same element of gambling underlies it all. It may be the carrying critic, talebearer, self-righteous, trouble-stirrer; it may be living beyond one's means, both in dress and food, unwilling to make any sacrifice in order to pay an honest debt; another may be so busy about his own affairs that he has no time to work for God's vineyard, or as has already been indicated, one may be all right in other ways but the 'fly' of evolution may have spoiled his ointment."

The preacher stated in the beginning of his discourse that flies are mentioned in the Bible only on four occasions. First, when they were sent as a plague upon Pharaoh, twice by the Psalmist in his historical account of what took place in Egypt and the last by Solomon in the text which he had chosen for his sermon: "Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savor; so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honor."

Every time this pest is mentioned in Holy Writ it is in connection with that which is bad, filthy and loathsome. Sin was compared to the fly that creeps in at unsuspected places and spoils everything that it touches. The chief asset in every community is the Christian character of its citizens, and the preacher appealed to his congregation that this asset be guarded constantly and faithfully for the unguarded life is sure to catch the flies of sin."

An unusually large congregation heard Mr. Parker Sunday morning.

BETTY'S FAVORITE SCENE

IN "ARE PARENTS PEOPLE?"

Betty Bronson's (Peter Pan) favorite scene took place during the filming of the Paramount picture "Are Parents People," due for show today at the Victory Theatre.

The scene was in the dormitory of an exclusive boarding school and shows Miss Bronson sampling a huge box of chocolate creams.

After taking the scene three times, Betty insisted that she thought she could do better and asked that it be filmed again.

Not until her mother, who was off-stage, came forward and explained that it was merely a trick of Betty's to eat another piece of candy did director St. Clair understand the reason for his actress' enthusiasm.

Co-featured with Miss Bronson in "Are Parents People?" are Adolphe Menjou and Florence Vidor. The picture was directed by Malcolm St. Clair, new to Paramount. St. Clair made "The Light House by the Sea," "Find Your Man" and others just as popular.

\$250,000—Still Mends



Mrs. Annice Prinder, 54, has been mending bathing suits at Miami, Fla., for 15 years. Her savings, invested in real estate, have just netted her \$250,000. What is she going to do? "Keep on mending suits," she says. "At 54 one is too old to lose their head over a quarter million."

RULES BUYERS OF WHISKEY GUILTY

Judge Stack's Handling of Case Made Throgs Sit Up and Take Notice.

"The man who buys liquor is just as guilty as the man who sells it"—so spoke Judge Stack in a North Carolina court, according to the Raleigh News and Observer and translated his edict into action by imposing a fine of \$25 on a patron of a bootlegger.

In this decree and action Judge Stack wipes out the imaginary distinction between the two parties to such criminal transactions—a discrimination which the courts in general are likely to practice, thus weakening enforcement of the Volstead law just about 50 per cent. That the purchaser of the unlawful liquor is just as guilty in fact as the vendor, there can be no question in any intelligent and honest lay mind; the statement of Judge Stack indicates that it is "sound law" also. In cases of larceny, a person who purchases stolen goods, knowing them to have been stolen, is guilty under the law of receiving stolen goods; the purchaser of unlawful liquor is equally guilty of violating the law. At all events, it might seem to a layman, he is at least subject to prosecution under that "conspiracy" charge which now seems so popular with prosecuting officials.

Describing the particular case in point, L. J. Hampton, writing to the Winston-Salem Journal, said:

"Raymond Gregory was the lad who was fined \$25 for buying block ade liquor. That was a sad blow to blockaders and rum-runners. It was something unusual and therefore unique in the annals of illicit liquor decisions in the county, and to say that it made a deep impression is to state the case mildly. Raymond got a 90-day suspended sentence for possession of the illicit fluid. Judge Stack's straightforward way of handling the case made the throgs sit up and take notice."

Several points of great significance and importance are raised in this brief news item.

"This was a sad blow to blockaders and rum-runners"—and well it might have been. Throughout the land the bootlegging fraternity is supported largely through the immunity granted by prosecuting officials and the courts to the bootleggers' partners in crime. As a bootlegger is convicted and, possibly, removed from his field of activity for a brief period, his place in the ranks is immediately filled by another criminal, but the ranks of the purchaser are not thinned by even one member—both the source of supply and the purchasing maret remain numerically and psychologically unaffected. If the purchaser in each instance were convicted and punished, also, it is highly probable that the purchasing element would become discouraged and at least frightened

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HOSPITAL DRIVE TO BE CONTINUED

Contractors Say Building Will Be Ready for Occupancy By Christmas.

NEED \$20,000 MORE

The new building for the new Johnston County Hospital, Inc., is going up rapidly and every good citizen in Johnston county should not only feel proud of this hospital, but should have a part in putting it up. This hospital will be one of the nicest buildings in the county, and the contractors advise that they expect to have it ready for occupancy in time for Christmas dinner.

The Hospital Committee that put on the drive last spring with so much enthusiasm, is arranging to call a meeting Thursday or Friday of this week to resume their work. In order that the building may be complete including fire escapes, screens, elevator, and inside painting, \$20,000 more, will have to be raised. This amount ought not to be hard to raise for citizens of the county have seen the advantage of having a hospital located conveniently. Its value up to the present would be hard to estimate, and with modern facilities, still better service in way of rooms etc. will naturally be the result. The committee hopes to have the wholehearted cooperation of enough public-spirited citizens when they renew the campaign for funds, to put the hospital over in an adequate manner.

AGE OF FIVE OF FAMILY TOTAL 346 YEARS

An average of practically 70 years is the record of the Lindsay family, which had a reunion at Snow Hill Sunday. Five brothers and sisters are living, the oldest, Mr. C. W. Lindsay aged 77 and the youngest, Miss Alice Lindsay, aged 63, both of this city. Other members of the family who met at the home of Mr. George Lindsay in Snow Hill Sunday were Mr. Geo. Lindsay, Mr. Walter Lindsay, of Clio, S. C. and Mrs. Zilphia Ellis, of Raleigh. The total ages of the five is 346 years.

Other relatives attending the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Sanderford, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ellis, of Raleigh and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ellis, of this city. The trip was made by automobile and they report the roads in fine condition and the crops in that section excellent.

BIBLE TO BE TAUGHT IN TENNESSEE SCHOOLS

The State Board of Education at its meeting June 19 authorized the teaching of the Bible in all the schools. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Governor Peay:

"Resolved that the Board of Education of Tennessee hereby approves the inclusion of the Bible in the curriculum of elective studies for which schools may give credit.

To this end the commissioner of education is authorized to appoint a committee of five representatives of the Protestants, Catholic, and Jewish faiths of our State, all of which have the Bible as the basis of their moral and spiritual instruction, to formulate a syllabus of Bible study, and a plan for teaching same which committee shall report as promptly as convenient to the State board of education for final approval of its recommendations."—Tennessee Educational Bulletin.

EX-SOLDIERS ATTENTION

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Tobacco Prices Make Big Jump During Week End

Sold Yesterday Five to Seven Dollars Per Hundred Higher Than Last Friday.

BETTER GRADES

With tobacco selling from five to seven dollars per hundred higher yesterday than it did Saturday the Smithfield Tobacco Market is right up to, if not above, par with the other markets of Eastern North Carolina.

Local men who visited the markets at Kinston, Rocky Mount, and Wilson last week, report that the prices paid in Smithfield on an average are as high as they were on those markets. A tobaccoist, in speaking of the jump in prices yesterday over what they were Saturday, stated that competition was keen on certain grades, and it was interesting to see the buyers bid.

Better grades than first appeared on the market are now being offered, and naturally the prices are more satisfactory.

The farmers have been somewhat discouraged on account of the low prices which have prevailed everywhere, and the news that prices are steadily climbing will no doubt be cheering.

FLORIDA CAPITAL INVESTED IN NORTH CAR.

Asheville, Sept. 18.—Plans for the development of a tract of 315 acres of land on Elk Mountain, about two miles from Asheville, were announced here today following the purchase of the tract at around \$285,000 by Florida and Philadelphia capitalists.

Around \$500,000 will be expended on the development, which will be placed on the market in the near future, it was announced. The purchasers are J. B. McGinley, of West Palm Beach, Fla., and F. E. Masland and Horace Linton, of Philadelphia. Mr. McGinley is a wealthy real estate dealer; Mr. Masland is a rug manufacturer, and Mr. Linton is a silk manufacturer.

A tract of 2000 acres on the Fairview road, about 1 miles from Asheville, was also sold today, through Mr. Fleming, for \$225,000. The property was bought by a Florida capitalist who plans immediate development.

One of the largest land deals completed in Transylvania county in some time, was closed today, when William Lee Popham, wealthy Floridian, purchased from H. E. Guyer, of Rosman, a 3000 acre tract of mountain and valley land for around \$500,000.

The tract embraces Joshua Mountain and Indian Camp mountain. Mr. Popham also acquired several small tracts.

Mr. Popham states he acquired the property for development purposes. He will build a great summer resort and playground for Florida resident members of "My Florida Country Club, Inc." of which organization Mr. Popham is founder and president.

BELIEVES COTTON CROP IS SHORT

Raleigh, Sept. 17.—Commissioners of Agriculture of the cotton growing states, at their recent meeting in Memphis, formed their own estimate of the cotton crop this year, an estimate that is nearly 1,000,000 bales under the latest Federal estimate, William A. Graham, North Carolina commissioner of agriculture, stated today on his return from the meeting.

"The organization," founded at the Memphis meeting, found," Mr. Graham stated, from information gathered from the various cotton-growing states, that the 1925 cotton crop would be less than 13,000,000 bales, and recommended that this crop should sell for not less than 30 cents a pound, and that cotton seed should sell for not less than 30 cents a bushel.

Mr. Graham, at the Memphis meeting, voiced the sentiment found among other commissioners that the states themselves should make independent estimates.—Associated Press.

WYATT TRIAL IS POSTPONED AGAIN

Postponement for the third time of the trial of Jesse Wyatt, former plainclothes detective of Raleigh, for the murder of S. S. Holt, on June 2, was occasioned yesterday by the serious illness of Mr. Armistead Jones, senior member of the law firm, Jones & Jones, and Horton, chief counsel for the defendant. The case will be tried on October 15.

The trial was set for this week after having been put off twice before, on account of technicalities of the law. The third postponement seems unavoidable. Mr. Jones having been reported yesterday afternoon to be in a state of coma with no hope held out for his recovery.

The trial would probably have consumed the greater part of this week as there are quite a number of witnesses for the defense.

JOHNSTON COUNTY AT STATE COLLEGE

(Special to The Herald) Raleigh, Sept. 21.—North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering opened its doors for the fall term Tuesday, September 15. The enrollment shows an increase of sixteen per cent. The freshman class numbering over six hundred.

Johnston county is well represented. Never before has there been a time when Johnston county bestowed such a great trust upon this institution. Smithfield is well represented having five representatives. They are as follows: Messrs. Richard Moore, Nick Averera, Willard Lawrence, Lawrence Stancil and William Booker. Selma is represented by Geo. Borden; Clayton by Leonard Johnston and Wilson's Mills by Edwin Turnage and Wilson Uzzle.

This increase is only an example of the progress State College is making throughout the State.

A process of remodeling has taken place during the summer months. All old dormitories have been completely remodeled and are modern in every detail. Grass and shrubbery has been planted and side walks are being constructed over the campus. A modern cafeteria will be opened October 1, which will feed four hundred and fifty men each meal. From all indications this is State's greatest year.

Enjoyable Birthday Party

One of the prettiest parties of the season was that given by Mrs. Charles Register at her attractive home here Friday afternoon from four until six o'clock in honor of Masters Joe and Charles Register, the occasion being their twelfth birthday. The lawn with quantities of garden flowers and ferns was an ideal setting for this happy occasion. Music was furnished throughout the afternoon by an Edison victrola. Interesting games were enjoyed after which Mrs. Carl Gordon and Mrs. Norman Humphrey served peanuts and lemonade. Later in the afternoon ice cream was served. The little hosts were recipients of many nice gifts.

Life Is a Cross-Word Puzzle

Life is a cross-word puzzle. And some folks make bad guess in their very first word. The word is veracity, and they think it is capacity, and they work out half the puzzle that way. And it seems to give satisfactory results for a time, but it will not work the puzzle. And they think they find a solution to life's mysteries in meanness, whereas the key word is kindness, and they write it in the word doubt where faith ought to be.—From "Parables of Safed the Sage."

"Zander the Great" Here

"Zander the Great," the newest Cosmopolitan production adapted by Frances Marion from Salisbury Field's stage play of the same name opens at the Victory Theatre next Thursday for one day.

Marion Davies, famous Cosmopolitan star, is playing a light comedy role, for which she is admirably suited and which contains an element of pathos as well as the whimsical charm of natural gaiety. Supporting the star, in leading comedy roles, are: Harry Myers, Harry Watson, Jr., and Richard Carle.

The picture is distributed by Metro-Goldwyn.

STOLEN AUTO IS FINALLY FOUND

Ford Roadster Belonging to W. M. Sanders and Son Was Stolen Over Two Months Ago.

ARREST WILLIE WEBB

The Ford roadster belonging to W. M. Sanders and Son, which was stolen about two months ago from Mr. Nat Rand's place near town, was recovered and brought back to Smithfield last Friday. It was found at Elizabethtown in Bladen county where Willie Webb, of Meadow township, had carried it and was using it as his own property. It is said that no one in Bladen county suspected that the car did not belong to him until he was sought by authorities from Johnston, Harnett and Bladen counties on a charge of stealing cotton. When the officers approached him, he jumped out of the car and left it in the road, making his escape through the woods. Later he was arrested by Mr. Massengill, deputy sheriff of Meadow township, and was brought here to jail Saturday. He is still in jail awaiting trial in Recorder's court this week.

The car was advertised soon after it was stolen but, Webb not being under suspicion, the car was not reported. It is said that he had been staying a few miles beyond Elizabethtown where it was thought that he was scouting around, evading officers. The roadster was said to be in a damaged condition, having been used considerably since it was stolen.

PLANT WINTER CROPS IN PECAN GROVES

Raleigh, Sept. 20.—Cultivation of the pecan groves should have ended in July so that the trees might have time to harden before cold weather; but, now, it becomes time to plant winter cover crops in the groves and there is nothing better than rye and vetch for this purpose.

"Crimson clover is also good as a cover crop for the pecan groves, say horticultural workers of the State College. "Whatever crop is used, it should be turned under early in spring before growth begins in the trees."

Adding to this suggestion, W. N. Roper, secretary of the North Carolina Pecan Growers' Society, states that the trees should be watched for any leaf eating insects. The second brood of caterpillars will be at work this month. They are found in large colonies and often defoliate small trees. If the pests are not found on the leaves, they will often be located near the base of the branches or along the trunk. They should be knocked off and mashed or sprayed. They may also be burned but care must be used not to injure the tree. This form of eradication is not advised.

The second brood of fall webworm will also be at work this month, states Mr. Roper. He advises a spray mixture for these or at least twist the web around a pole and remove it.

"Keep the trees free of leaf-eating insects," says Mr. Roper. "Where the foliage is destroyed new growth will start and will not ripen before cold weather. In such cases the tree will be hurt by winter freezes. Sometimes the entire tree is permanently killed by such troubles."

The New Haven Railroad ran 122 extra trains Labor Day.

The July output of U. S. shoe factories was 24,581,966 pairs.

The Chrysler Automobile Co., has unfilled orders for 40,000 cars.

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Air Defense



Maj. Gen. James C. Harbord, U. S. A., retired, who is to head Pres Coolidge's new committee, named to study our aviation defense needs. The committee met the President before going into session.

MANY TO ATTEND S. S. CONVENTION

One of the Most Helpful and Most Largely Attended Meetings Planned for Four Oaks.

Officers of Johnston County Sunday School Association are of the opinion that one of the most interesting and helpful, as well as one of the most largely attended, Sunday School meetings ever held in the County will be the annual County Sunday School Convention at the Baptist church, Four Oaks, on Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4. Programs of the convention have been mailed to all pastors and Sunday school superintendents in the county, with special invitations to attend the conventions themselves, and requesting that they try to get all of their Sunday school teachers and officers to attend.

The convention program includes addresses and conferences on practically all phases of the work of the modern Sunday school. In arranging the program the small Sunday school was given much attention. During the convention there will be question and discussion periods, when those present will have opportunity to give and get information concerning any Sunday school problem.

The Johnston County Sunday School Association is one of the units of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, in which Sunday school workers of all evangelical denominations participate. At this time ninety-eight of the one hundred counties in the State are organized into County Sunday School Associations; many of which are completely organized and doing fine work.

MARRIAGE IN ITSELF NOT A BAR TO TEACHING

"Women teachers must not be dismissed merely because they are married." This is the gist of a decision rendered in a test case brought in an English court. The decision is of far-reaching importance. The plaintiff, Mrs. Ethel Short, has been assistant mistress in a council school in Dorsetshire since 1924, she and other married women employed as teachers by the same local education authority received notice terminating their engagements. The chancellor court decided that the notice was invalid and ordered the corporation to pay the costs.

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SPECIAL SERVICES FOR BOY SCOUTS

Rev. Mr. Alexander, Pastor of The Presbyterian Church, Preaches Sermon to Scouts Here.

ATTEND IN A BODY

A large number of visitors were present at the Smithfield Presbyterian church last Sunday evening to attend the special Scout Service. The troop banners were hung in the walls of the church and eats reserved in front for the scouts many of whom attended dressed in full uniform. At the appointed hour the scouts appeared at the door and marched down he aisle to the strains of the Star Spangled Banner. After all were seated the congregation sang America, after which the Scouts all stood at attention and repeated the scout oath. On behalf of the scouts, Mr. Charles Alford thanked the people of Smithfield for their cooperation and talked for several minutes on the program of the scouts. Mr. Alford delighted the congregation with his wit and proved to all present that the scout program was worth while.

After Scout Alford's talk, Rev. Chester Alexander made a short address on loyalty. The choir gave several special selections. After the benediction the scouts marched out to the strains of "Onward Christian Soldiers". Several scoutmasters and other officials were present at the service.

The sermon of Rev. Mr. Alexander was in part as follows: "Loyalty is a great big word in the vocabulary of the soul. To take all the examples of loyalty from the Bible would be like taking the big stained glass windows from a cathedral.

Moses' loyalty to his people Israel is a daring loyalty. "If thou wilt not forgive the sin of my people Israel," said Moses to Jehovah, "then blot me out from thy Book of Life." There is the loyalty of Jonathan and David to their vows of Friendship. The loyalty of Ruth in those beautiful words, "Return me not to leave thee or to return from following after thee, for whither thou goest I will go; whither thou lodgest I will lodge, where thou diest I will die and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me and more also if aught but death part thee and me." These words taken from Ruth are the World's epitaph of Loyalty. There is the loyalty of Daniel and the Hebrew children who dared the flames of the fiery furnace rather than bow down to a Heathen God. There is the loyalty of John the Baptist who defied the immorality of a licentious ruler and paid to loyalty the tribute of his head. The loyalty of Stephen shone through his eyes and transfigured his face to angelic splendor before his executioners. Then there is Jesus who by his death on the cross put the crown on the brow of loyalty.

To take the examples of loyalty from the Bible is like taking the windows from the Cathedral. It loses much of its beauty and inspiration. There was a big mind who looked into the soul of the boy and then without a moment's hesitation wrote into your law these words, "A Scout is Loyal." First let us think of loyalty to our parents. Scouts, you cannot know the depth of the love for each of you that is buried in the hearts of your parents. Since you were lulled to sleep with a cradle song, your mother and dad have been dreaming of the days when you would be a man. And there is in the heart of every true parent not fictitious ambitions that you shall be high in place and fame. These are secondary. Their primary hope for you is that you will be a man in the true sense of the word. You must be loyal to that trust that they have in you. They want you to be pure and strong and courageous and sincere. They want you to treat every temptation as an impostor, every foul deed as a poacher hunting on Holy Ground

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