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Forty-fourth Year

SMITHFIELD, N. C., TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 6, 1925

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## BEST TOBACCO SALE OF SEASON HERE YESTERDAY

One Warehouse Averaged \$27.05 Per Hundred, Highest Peak For Eastern North Carolina.

### 1 MAN'S EXPERIENCE

With an average of \$27.05 per hundred on the tobacco market here yesterday, the Smithfield market conducted the best sales of the season. One warehouse averaged \$27.05, said to be the highest average that has been attained on any market in Eastern North Carolina this year. Mr. Herman Johns, who lives near Smithfield, received the top of the market when he got \$81.00 a hundred for a portion of four or five hundred pounds which he marketed here. The prices on the entire lot of tobacco ranged from forty to eighty-one dollars per hundred.

Mr. J. R. Blackman, who lives near Four Oaks, is now a most whole-hearted booster for the Smithfield market. A recent experience in marketing a load of tobacco is responsible for his increased enthusiasm. Last week he brought 456 pounds of tobacco to a Smithfield warehouse and received the following prices: 150 pounds at fifteen cents; 164 pounds at thirty-five cents; 132 pounds at twenty cents. He removed his tobacco from the floor, stating that he would try the market again the next day. About midnight Mr. Blackman loaded his tobacco on his Ford and carried it to Wilson. He received the following prices: 150 pounds at 10 1/2 cents; 164 at twenty-three cents; 132 pounds at 16 1/2 cents. Instead of receiving \$106.30 which he would have received for his load of tobacco he received \$75.62. Heretofore Mr. Blackman has marketed all of his tobacco at home, and according to a statement made to a local warehouseman, this will be his policy in the future.

Yesterday marked perhaps the biggest break since the opening sale. Farmers were well pleased and at one warehouse at least not a single tag was turned. The farmers are well up with their cotton picking and are now turning their attention again to tobacco, and they are marketing the better grades.

### CORRECTED STATEMENT

The account which we carried of the accident at the Four Oaks railroad crossing was evidently not clear on some points and Mr. Massengill, who was driving the car, makes the following statement about it himself:

"The car did not back into the train. I stopped near the railroad, looked for a train and saw none, then changed gear to low and pulled up and saw train. Thinking I was not on the track, I stopped and reversed to go back away from the track and killed my engine. Train was so close I could not crank it and get away. I was blinded by other cars coming in front and therefore could not see the track."

### Celebrates First Birthday

Friday afternoon Mrs. N. R. Bass entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Holt a number of babies and their mothers in honor of her little daughter, Nancy, the occasion being her first birthday. A table was arranged for the young guests. The centerpiece was a lovely birthday cake with a single pink candle in the center. The name "Nancy" and the date ascribed in pink icing. Flowers also decorated the table. The refreshments consisted of graham crackers and Zwiebacks. The mothers were served fruit punch.

The guests on this interesting occasion were little Misses Erin Tuttle Woodall, Margaret Gray and Elizabeth Watson Stallings, Richard Holt, Jr., and John White Ives, Jr.

**Farming De Luxe**  
I will make you a tailor-made suit for a milk cow or work horse. Phone 2304-W. 337 East Market -Classified Ad in the Stockton (Calif.) Independent.

### 12-Year-Old Boy Picks 300 Lbs. Cotton In Day

Master Clyde Hicks, twelve-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hicks, of Cleveland township, picked 300 pounds of cotton last Thursday. Minnie Hicks, daughter of Mr. Hicks, picked 118 pounds when she was six years old. Last Thursday she was nine years old and celebrated the occasion by picking 271 pounds.

If there is anyone who can beat this record, let us hear from you.

## 100 TO BE AT SMOKER TONIGHT

### The Weed They Smoke To Be Chief Subject of Consideration.

More than a hundred business men of Johnston county at a smoker tonight at the armory to discuss ways and means of selling Johnston county tobacco in Johnston county, is the direct outcome of the most talked of Kiwanis meeting held here in recent weeks. Last Thursday night Kiwanians at their regular club meeting used the surgeons knife and probed for bullets that have been fired at Smithfield. The operation hurt, but some of them have been located, and a curative treatment has been suggested.

The first step in this treatment will be a consultation of business men of Johnston county in regard to selling tobacco at home. As we go to press, sixty business men of Smithfield have already accepted invitations to attend the supper at the armory tonight and as many more from various sections of Johnston county are expected to be present. The supper will be served as only the Woman's Club knows who to serve it, but the main part of the program will not be the "eats" but will be a discussion of this most important matter of marketing at home, one of the staple crops of Johnston county.

The prime object of the meeting tonight is to make plans for a bigger meeting with tobacco growers of the county in a short time. Warehousemen will have some thing to say tonight; buyers representing the leading tobacco markets of the world will have something to say tonight; and the business men of Smithfield will have something to say. It is not the purpose of those promoting this get-together meeting that only "hot air" shall characterize the occasion, but that plans shall crystallize which will mean the biggest boost for selling Johnston county tobacco in Johnston county that has yet been inaugurated.

### COUNTY MISSIONARY CONFERENCE AT SELMA

The Johnston county Missionary Conference of the Methodist church will be held at Selma in the Edgerston Memorial church, today, Tuesday, October 6. Every Auxiliary of the county will be expected to send delegates. The meeting will be opened at 10 o'clock. The following program has been arranged: Hymn No. 415. Devotional—Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald.

Remarks by the chairman—Mrs. E. B. McCullers. Solo—Mrs. Warren McCullers. Topic: "Social Work of the Churches"—Miss Margaret Eldridge. Inspirational Address. Solo—Rev. A. J. Parker. Lunch Hour. 12:00 to 1:00. Hymn No. 317. Topic: "Mission Study"—Mrs. W. B. North. Topic: "A Message From Scarritt"—Miss Braxton Banks. Program—Young Peoples' Auxiliary of Selma. Report of Committees. Offering. Doxology. Benediction.

### Eagle Scout



JAMES W. SELLERS, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Sellers of this city, was publicly awarded an Eagle Scout badge Sunday night at the Methodist church. He is the only Eagle Scout in Johnston county and one of seven in the Tuscarora Council. Mr. T. C. Young presented the badge.

## YOUNG LADY IS PAINFULLY HURT

### Miss Sallie Johnson Sustains Painful Injuries In An Automobile Accident Near Four Oaks.

As a result of an automobile accident which occurred on the highway between Four Oaks and Benson at 10 o'clock on last Sunday, Miss Sallie Johnson, of Bentonsville township, is now a victim of a broken collar bone and other painful injuries about the body, and her brother, Albert Johnson, is painfully injured by a gash on the leg which required the taking of several stitches. Miss Vivian Jordan, who was on the car at the time of the accident, escaped with slighter injuries.

The car, which was a Ford touring car, was being driven by the young man, Albert Johnson, and was occupied by the two girls, Sallie Johnson and Vivian Jordan. The cause of the accident cannot be determined. It is probable that thick sand caused the wheels to swerve too near the edge of the embankment, causing it to get beyond control of the driver. The car is badly wrecked and the three occupants barely escaped instant death. Medical aid was rendered as speedily as circumstances would permit, and each patient is doing as well as could be expected.

### S. S. Class Elects Officers

The Volunteer Wesley class of the Methodist Sunday school held a business meeting Tuesday afternoon in the church basement which was followed by a delightful social hour in honor of Mrs. Della K. Sanders, of Miami, Fla., a former member of the class. The business meeting was devoted to the election of new officers for the class, the following being elected: Mrs. L. E. Watson, re-elected president; Mrs. Roy Keen, vice-president; Mrs. S. R. Brady, secretary; Mrs. S. D. Broadwell, treasurer; Mrs. T. L. H. Young, teacher; Mrs. R. G. Sanders and Mrs. J. A. Keen, assistant teachers.

Immediately after the business session, a most pleasant social hour was enjoyed. The chief feature of entertainment was a Bible contest which proved quite instructive as well as interesting to the guests. Delicious ice cream and cake were served during the afternoon. Eighteen were present on this delightful occasion.

Fair time is here pick out your best products and enter them for the premiums, advise extension workers of State College.

## REGULAR SESSION OF COUNTY BOARD

### Delegation From Moore's School District Appears Before Board Further Hearing Friday.

### ONEAL DELEGATION

The matter that brought the largest number of folks to town yesterday, perhaps, was the dissatisfaction in Moore's School house district that sought redress before the County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting here. This district had voted on August 4 to be consolidated with the Glendale district. Since that time, some have become dissatisfied and an effort is being made to invalidate the election. The commissioners appointed Friday afternoon, October 9, as the time when they will meet in regular session for a further hearing in this matter.

A delegation from Oneal township was before the board yesterday for further information in regard to what roads shall be worked in that township by convict labor. Advocates of certain roads were on hand to push their particular projects.

Other items disposed of yesterday included the following orders: Ordered that M. I. Sasser be appointed as road commissioner of Wilders township to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. John Boykin, deceased.

Ordered that the appropriation by Johnston county to the Eastern North Carolina Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$300 per year be not allowed this year.

Ordered that J. R. Hicks, Beulah township, be released of poll tax on account of the loss of one eye.

Ordered that John McLamb of Meadow township be released of poll tax on account of the loss of an arm.

Ordered that Therman Parrish, of Wilson's Mills township, be released of poll tax, a doctor's certificate stating that he has diabetes.

Ordered that Gilbert Broughton, Micro township, be released of his taxes in the amount of \$2.93 upon physician's statement that he has tuberculosis and is in a needy condition.

Ordered that an adding machine be purchased for the sheriff's office, and that the old one be traded in on the new.

Ordered a petition to State Highway Commission asking that State Highway No. 22 from Micro to Kenly follow the present highway as nearly as possible instead of by way of Bagley as present survey would indicate. This board goes on record as endorsing said petition.

### Mr. Cotton in the City

Mr. Solon Cotton, of Washington, was in the city yesterday en route to Kenly where he will teach this year. Mr. Cotton formerly lived here when his father, Rev. S. A. Cotton, was pastor of the Methodist church here, and graduated from the Smithfield High school. He later graduated from Trinity College, now Duke University.

### Hollywood-by-the-Sea Representatives in the City.

Messrs. C. D. Bacon and W. L. Handy of Raleigh, representing Hollywood "by the sea," Florida, were in the city yesterday cooperating with Mrs. T. A. Wadden, local representative of this Florida development. Mrs. Wadden expects to leave with a party for Hollywood on October 15th.

### Swank O. K.

The supercilious young man was being shown to his room in a small seaside hotel. "This will do," he said patronizingly. "And—er—I suppose every one here dresses for dinner." "Oh, yes, sir," replied the very young chambermaid, "meals in bed is charged extra."—Boston Transcript.

Sixty-nine hogs on a feeding demonstration conducted according to plans furnished by W. W. Shay, swine extension specialist, made a net profit of \$6.63 each from the feed given.

## Clash for Baseball's Premier Honors



HERE ARE the two teams which this week battle for the World Title. Top photo an unusual group picture of "The Washington Senators" in "civies", while being received by President Coolidge. Arrows indicate Clark Griffith, Pres. Coolidge, "Bucky" Harris, Mgr. and the veteran Walter Johnson. Bottom: the challenging Pittsburgh Pirates. Front row, left to right:—Hass, Moore, Calloton, Sheehan, Ens, Billy McKechnie, C. (in front), Wright, Caylor, Kremer and Gooch. Center row, left to right:—Oldham, Smith, Traynor, McLinnis, Carcy (Captain), McKechnie (Manager), Bigbee, Thompson, Spencer, Grantham and Austen. Back row, left to right:—Frazer, Hingham, Onslow, Barnhart, Aldridge, Sam Watters, Barney Dreyfus (President), Sam Dreyfus, Rawlings, Yde, Adams, Morrison and Meadows.

## Interest In The Cole Murder Trial Continues To Increase

### Returned Missionary To Speak Tonight

There will be a lecture tonight at the Methodist church of more than passing interest.

The speaker is Dr. Hinohara, of Japan. Everybody is cordially invited to be there. Admission is free. He will also attend the Johnston County Missionary meeting at Selma this morning at ten o'clock.

Tuesday evening is the time for the citizens meeting sponsored by the Kiwanis Club to discuss important matters pertaining to the town and county. Every business man is interested and ought to be present, but the women and children will not attend the citizens meeting.

These and many of the men who will not attend the citizens meeting can hear the lecture at the Methodist church. The members of all the churches in the city are most cordially invited to hear Dr. Hinohara.

The Woman's federation, which usually meets at this hour at the church, will not hold its regular meeting this evening but members are invited to participate in the missionary service.

## RALLY DAY IS WELL ATTENDED

### Largest Crowd Ever In Attendance at the Presbyterian Sunday School Present Sunday Morning for the Exercises.

Sunday morning was observed as Rally Day by the Sunday school of the Presbyterian church here. The church was tastefully decorated with vases and baskets of golden rod, pink, cosmos and other fall flowers, and presented a very attractive setting for the exercises which began at ten o'clock.

Last year a banner was given to the Sunday school in the Graniteville Presbytery making the largest contribution for Sunday school extension work, and this Sunday school received the banner. The collection taken Sunday morning

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### Defendant's Daughter Takes Stand In His Behalf; Cole Pleads Self Defense and Transitory Insanity.

### MISS COLE'S LETTERS

Interest of the state still centers in the Cole trial at Rockingham, and indications are that the trial will not be completed until the last of the week.

The feature of the trial Thursday was the testimony of Miss Elizabeth Cole, who stepped from the witness stand at 5:30 o'clock after more than two hours of grilling. Miss Cole is a daughter of W. B. Cole, who is being tried for the murder of William Ormond, a former sweetheart of Miss Cole. Her testimony revealed subjects held sacred to womanhood. The tests were severe but backed her father in his fight for life to the limit. She declared she had discarded Ormond as a suitor. She denied allegations by Ormond that there had been improper relations between them. This charge was contained in a letter to the young woman's father, and it was shortly after receipt of this letter that the shooting took place. (This letter is published elsewhere). The ten witnesses testified to the general good character of Miss Cole. Following the receipt of the letter in question, the defendant placed the matter in the hands of Fred W. Bynum. Mr. Bynum told of negotiating an agreement by which Bill Ormond agreed to play "hands off" as to the Coles and their affairs. After signing such an agreement Ormond was said to have declared, "Now the whole matter is settled."

Self defense and transitory insanity is the plea of the wealthy cotton manufacturer in killing Ormond. The state entered resistance to the plea of insanity, and Hon. Clyde Hoy outlined the state's objection. "The medical profession recognizes that insanity is a disease. It does not recognize, as the defense pleads, that a man can be sane today and insane tomorrow. "The North Carolina law does not recognize emotional or transitory insanity. Like other states, this state knows that such a plea if allowed, would free practically every murderer before the bar."

The state will accept a plea of self-defense but the defense's plea of self-defense and insanity are up to the jury.

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"I can say sincerely that I do not love you, either; am glad I found you out before it was too late.

"Sincerely,  
BILL ORMOND."

Letter to Cole  
Dear Mr. Cole:—  
You have received two letters from me. One was as nice as I knew how to write, and no attention was paid to it. The other was written with no hard feelings. I

## ORMONDS LETTERS FIGURE IN TRIAL

The two letters claimed to have been the main cause of W. B. Cole's shooting Bill Ormond to death in Rockingham on August 15 and which have been made public in the trial are as follows:

### Letter to Miss Cole

"Dear Libbitt:—I am sorry you misunderstood me saying I was the only one could make you happy or insinuate that you would be happy with me. I did not mean that at all—for I haven't the ability to make you happy, but I can make you all otherwise. So when you hand out those 'I don't love you' and about the plans being a 'thing of the past' you did not enlighten me any. I have known that since the first of August, and I see now why you did not ever want me to talk to your daddy, and what you told me the last time we parted was only a bluff to keep me from going to him then. You have been telling him one thing and me another, and bluffing me since October 5th. I wish I could interpret things like people that had good minds at the right time.

"Why haven't I the right to tell you one thing and do another? I could not see any scheme other than the one played against me, which was very evident from several viewpoints and tall places.

"And you want things to stay as they are—it's fine a slong as you have the upper hand, but when the time come for me to put my cards on the table, you want to beg off—I think just about as much of you now as you do me. You don't care a snap for my feelings or anything else—so why shouldn't I have a say-so, as you have had yours? Yes, it's something driving me as it was you— isn't that fair also?

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## FRIDAY OF FAIR WEEK "QUEEN DAY"

### The Young Lady Who Wins In The Popularity Contest Will Be Crowned Queen of the Fair.

### PRIZES TO BE GIVEN

(Special to The Herald)

Final arrangements were completed here Saturday to make Friday, October 30, one of the biggest and best days of the Johnston County Fair. The Secretary, after working on the plan for some time has made certain and definite preparations towards an innovation which he believes will mean a great deal to the fair, and at the same time stir up local interest all over the county.

In a word, Friday of the fair has been made "Queen Day". That means that there is to be some lucky young woman in Johnston County who will be crowned Queen of the fair as the result of her winning the Popularity Contest which begins Friday of this week. In addition to receiving the honor due her, she will be given a diamond ring costing \$150. The young woman receiving the second highest number of votes will receive a \$100 diamond bar pin, and the young ladies getting third and fourth highest will be given \$50 white gold watches.

The plan in detail is simply this: young ladies in every town in the county will be selling the tickets for ten cents each. On each ticket there is a space marked for the purchaser, to write the name of some young lady in the county whom he thinks is most popular. This is where the young ladies come in for their reward for their services in selling the tickets. If she sells the most tickets, then she wins the diamond ring.

There must be a Queen of the Fair, and the secretary believes this is the fairest way to find one. The queen is to be crowned at the fair grounds and the three runners up will be made Maids of Honor. These young ladies will be present at the Fair Ball to be given Friday night, and will be honor guests.

### THE BEAUTIFUL

God has not given to every one a beautiful face, or beautiful hands or a beautiful figure. He has reserved those for the very few. Most of us would not stand a chance in a beauty contest. But He has not denied any of us the privilege of being truly beautiful. For beauty is as beauty does. We have known persons who are very plain and unattractive, and yet as soon as they spoke those plain features lit up with appealing interest because back of them was a heart that had beauty in it.

And have you ever noticed how we grow to think that even a homely face is beautiful when that person has drawn us to him by repeated kindnesses? And when any one insinuates to us that he is homely we resent it. If you knew two persons who were as different as they could be and desired an artist who had never seen them to paint pictures of them, do you know how he would do it? He would want you to describe them physically as best as you could. And then if you were to add the information that the one was gentle and unselfish, while the other was severe and all for himself, the artist would indicate these traits in the face and manner of the subjects he was requested to paint. No thoughtful person ever questions that the goodness of the heart and the spirit that stirs within beautifies or mars the face, which in God's plan, becomes the mirror to reflect the life itself.—Selected.