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Hospital Tag Day Here To be Observed Saturday

Soliciting Committee Met Yesterday And Laid Plans For The Completion of The Drive For \$20,000.00.

BOOTH AT THE FAIR

The Kiwanis Club started off the Fall Hospital campaign at its meeting Friday night by a substantial subscription from its membership, but it remained for the hospital committee to formulate plans at a meeting held yesterday afternoon for continuing the drive.

"Hospital Tag Day" is the first move, and Saturday has been set as the day to be observed in Smithfield. A booth will be arranged in the business district, and solicitors will tag every individual who donates a dollar for the completion of the hospital. During Fair week a booth will be open every day and the same tag plan will be used to further supplement this fund.

Mr. W. D. Averis is the originator of the idea of giving Johnston county citizens who do not feel able to take stock in the hospital, the privilege of having a part in this enterprise by donating the sum of one dollar, or even smaller amounts, and he was selected to have charge of such a campaign to be worked through the white schools of Johnston county.

The same privilege will be given the negroes and Mrs. Laura J. A. King, negro rural supervisor, will have charge of the campaign among the negroes. A ward in the hospital is to be provided for the colored people, and money contributed by the negroes will be used for this ward.

In addition to the above plans, the regular soliciting teams will make a canvass for stock subscriptions. Twenty thousand dollars are needed to complete the new building which will be ready by January 1 and the committee is anxious to raise this amount within the next few weeks.

The hospital soliciting committee is composed of W. N. Holt, chairman; George Ragsdale, W. W. Jordan, Dr. W. J. B. Orr, H. B. Marrow, L. G. Stevens, E. J. Wellons, W. M. Sanders, W. D. Hood, Mrs. H. L. Skinner, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, Miss Alice Grantham, and Mrs. Thel Hooks.

USE OF SOLAR RAYS TO REJUVENATE "OLD" BABY

London, Oct. 17.—Specialists at the London hospital are using solar rays to work the "rejuvenation of a boy baby" who upon birth two years ago had every appearance of advanced age and who until a few weeks ago had never aroused from a deep slumber.

"Baby Rip Van Winkle," as he was dubbed by the medical men, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cohen, of High Gate. According to his mother, he never cried, but lay motionless for a year, life being sustained by artificial feeding.

"His body was stone cold, even in summer," she said. "He was just like an old, old man."

Doctors at first considered the case hopeless, but at a conference of 24 specialists several weeks ago it was decided to make a final effort to save the baby's life by the use of the solar rays. His milk diet also was changed to one of fruit juice.

The other day, to the astonishment of the hospital attendants, the baby began to cry and then to fuss and squirm like an ordinary infant. Now he has progressed further and is growing teeth. The specialist believe that within two years he will be a normal child.—Associated Press.

Quarterly Meeting Friday Night

BRUNSWICK STEW AND FISH FRY FOR FARMERS

Mr. Walter J. Hooks of Kenly will be the chief speaker at the tobacco farmers get-together meeting to be held here next Friday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. Enterprising citizens are sponsoring this gathering and fully three hundred tobacco growers are expected to be present. A fish supper and Brunswick stew will be served.

VICTORY PATRONS WELL REWARDED

"The Ten Commandments" Pleases Good Sized Audiences At Opening Showings.

Good sized audiences enjoyed the presentation of the great picture, The Ten Commandments, which opened a three days showing Monday afternoon at the Victory Theatre, Smithfield.

The picture, a Cecil B. DeMille production, which has been shown in practically every large city in the world, created a lasting impression on those who were fortunate enough to see it at the initial showings yesterday afternoon and last night.

The Ten Commandments which was eight months in the making, was started in desert locales, close by duplicating Israel's exodus from Egypt and stay in the Sinaiic Mountains. More than 2500 persons were employed in the many Biblical scenes of the picture while 900 horses, 200 burros, 50 camels, 1000 cattle and 500 sheep were used in various parts of the gigantic production.

Manager Howell was fortunate to be able to secure the Ten Commandments for a showing in Smithfield.

The Ten Commandments will be repeated today and tomorrow with performances both afternoon and evening.

"FEAST OF THE RED CORN" DELIGHTS

Indian Operetta Given By Local Talent Here Friday Evening Very Much Enjoyed.

The Indian operetta, "The Feast of the Red Corn," given by local talent here Friday evening was very much enjoyed by those who attended. Miss Frances White, public music teacher in the graded school, directed the entertainment which was given under the auspices of the Business and Professional Women's Club. The queen of the Wanta tribe was impersonated by Miss Frances White, and Miss Mary Ellen Lawrence played the role of her younger sister who made mischief for the queen by tantalizing her three children impersonated by Mary Noble, Noemie Calais and Myrtle Brown. Miss Mary E. Wells played the part of the old squaw, who failed to grant the usual wish on the day of the feast. Chorus added a great deal to the entertainment, the costumes being unusually effective. Misses Elizabeth Creech, Lucile Johnson, Lucy Talton, Glenn Ward, Jeanette Holland, Virginia Strange, Ethel Barbour, Mrs. Carlton Stephenson, Mrs. Walter Coats, and Mrs. Harry P. Johnson, in Indian dress, comprised the chorus. Pantomimes by a group of children were features of the feast of the red corn. Miss Nell Morgan Broadhurst and Miss Virginia Strange were solo dancers during the pantomimes. Mrs. John White Ives was the accompanist.

KIWANIANS START DRIVE WITH \$1700

Hospital Drive For Remaining \$20,000 Needed Will Be Pushed.

TALKS BY CITIZENS

Kiwanians present at the supper served on the new hospital grounds Friday evening, subscribed \$1700 as a nucleus of the \$20,000 which will be required to complete the new hospital now in course of construction. The Kiwanians have shown themselves heartily in sympathy with the movement to provide ample hospital facilities here, and their action was not surprising. The canvassing committee of which Mr. W. N. Holt is chairman, will proceed at once with plans for raising the rest of the amount needed.

Mayor J. A. Narron was the first to speak on the hospital Friday evening, and he made the statement that he was proud to have been mayor of Smithfield when it evidenced its generosity in subscribing \$10,000 to the hospital. He spoke briefly on the benefit of a hospital to a town.

Hon. Paul D. Grady of Kenly, emphasized the advantages of having a hospital close at hand. People in his section have been convenient to Wilson and have largely patronized Wilson hospitals. A hard surfaced road from here to Kenly, however, will tend to draw that part of the county closer to Smithfield, and with a splendid hospital building and the best of equipment in the center of the county the patronage will no doubt be divided. Mr. Grady's talk was along the line of the value of a hospital in Johnston county.

Dr. W. J. B. Orr, resident surgeon at the hospital here, who has evinced deep interest in the enterprise backing his interest financially by subscribing a good block of stock, is delighted over

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LOCAL KIWANIANS TO PRESENT 'ROSETIME'

Musical Comedy To Be Given Next Friday Evening—Mayor Narron Is In The Cast

"Rosetime" is the title of the musical comedy to be given next Friday evening, October 23, at 8:15 o'clock at the school auditorium under the auspices of the Kiwanis Club. Miss Mary Ben Wright, of Atlanta, is directing the production which will be participated in by a number of leading citizens of the town.

"Pa Perkins" will be Mayor John A. Narron, and "Ma Perkins" will be Mrs. Rosser Lane. Miss Irene Myatt will play the part of Rose, the attractive daughter of "Ma and Pa Perkins," while James Davis is the leading man in love with the star.

The story presents a movie situation and Mr. N. C. Shuford is the movie director. The main comedy part is taken by George Ragsdale, while Miss Nell Meacham plays opposite Mr. Ragsdale as a "darling of the screen."

Miss Betty Ward portraying the part of a "French Vamp," Thel Hooks as Percy Peabody, and Joe Wilson as movie camera man, all have good parts. Miss Lallah Rookh Stephenson is the accompanist for the musical numbers.

Eight girls constitute a chorus, the following having been selected: Misses Louise Parrish, Elizabeth Creech, Marie Anne Stevens, Mary Gattis Holland, Delia Ellington, Hilda Peedin, Jeanette Holland and Sarah Adams. There will be a boys' chorus, three of whom will be Tilden Honeycutt, Theron Johnson and Melvin Whitley.

The play opens with preparations for a garden party in progress, Miss Rose Perkins in the honor. A moving picture company sees the old fashioned garden and uses the scene without permission. When the pressing need of a leading lady arose, Rose Perkins played right into the picture, and she was engaged by the company and left before the garden party for

MORE THAN 100 TEACHERS MEET

Six and Seven Months School Teachers Hold Their First Meeting.

MR. MARROW SPEAKS

In an address before the six and seven months school teachers of the county assembled here Saturday, Mr. H. B. Marrow, county superintendent of schools, paid a splendid tribute to the educational foundation laid in Johnston county by the late Prof. Ira T. Turlington, whose school work here covered a period of twenty-five years. "When I go into a community and find an outstanding man or woman working for community uplift," said Mr. Marrow, "the chances are that that person was a pupil of Prof. Turlington."

Mr. Marrow told more than 100 teachers present that the making of a school does not consist in fine buildings and equipment. Mr. Turlington had not a brick school house in the county and yet his work and influence still grows. It is the teacher, declared the county superintendent, who determines the spirit in a school, and he urged his teachers to emulate the example set by Mr. Turlington and see to it that their work in the various communities to which they were going, be of the right sort.

Mrs. D. J. Thurston, county superintendent of public welfare, made a talk on school attendance, urging hearty cooperation in getting every pupil in school.

Dr. C. C. Massey, county health officer, was timely with his suggestions in regard to the health of the school children, asking the teachers to do what they can in locating cases of physical defects—diseased tonsils and adenoids, and to use precaution against communicable diseases.

Miss Mary E. Wells, rural supervisor of schools, was brief in her remarks, in which she called attention to the outlined course of study, books, etc.

This was the first meeting for this group of the year, these schools opening yesterday. Also on Saturday a meeting of the negro school teachers of the county was held here at the colored school building with about sixty in attendance.

WEST CONFERENCE FOR UNIFICATION

Go On Record as Favoring Plan of Uniting With Methodist Episcopal Church

Statesville, Oct. 15.—The Western North Carolina conference in session here today went on record as favoring the plan of uniting with the Methodist Episcopal church by a vote of 221 to 145. It was the most dramatic moment in the history of the conference when the hour arrived for the vote to be taken. The spacious auditorium had been filled during the entire session, and when Bishop Denny announced the special order of the day it took several minutes to clear the conference room of visitors and members of the conference to find seats. The string crowded into the Sunday school rooms and large numbers were standing around the walls and in doors and windows.

Interest in the result of the ballot was intense. Every person in the house was tingling with anxiety to know how this, one of the largest and most influential conferences in the southern church, would vote on the question which had been uppermost in the mind of the church for nearly two years. The interest extended far beyond the bounds of the state, and all denominations throughout the country have become interested in the outcome.

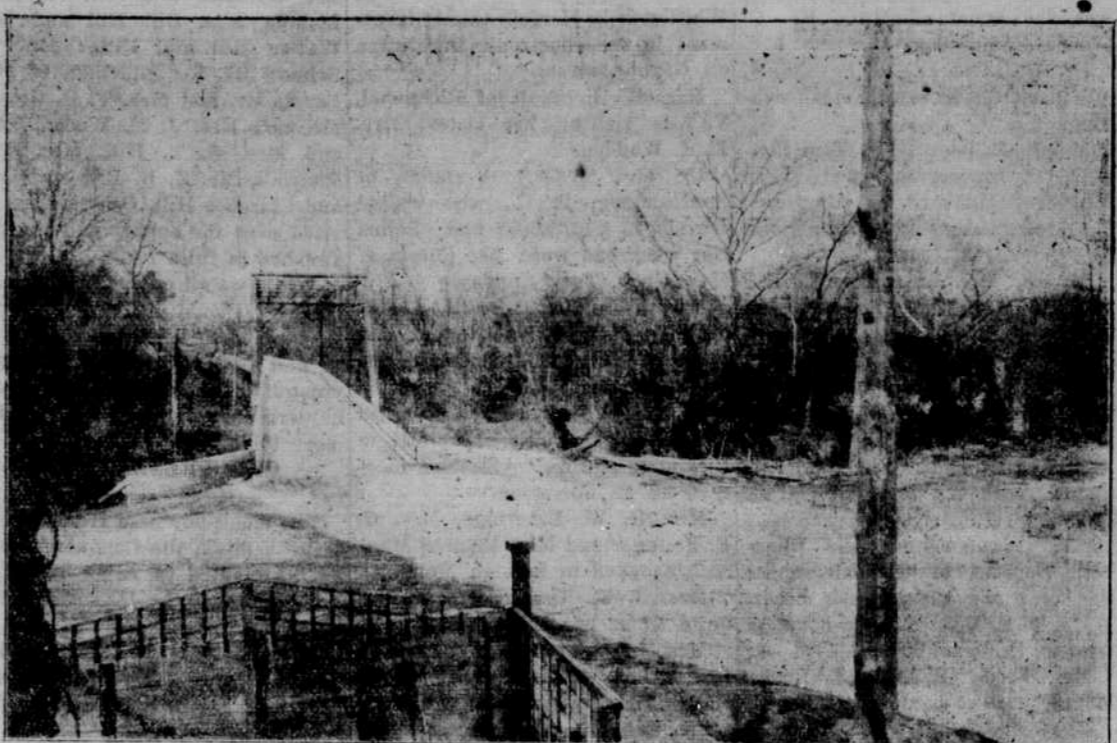
Hollywood, after a romantic parting with Jerry.

Three years pass and Rose becomes a famous star. Trouble, however, arises; the company breaks; Jerry saves the situation; and another garden party closes the program.

Cottage Prayermeeting Wednesday

Instead of meeting at the jail Wednesday afternoon, the Woman's Christian Federation will hold its prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. D. H. Jones at 2:30 o'clock.

Landmark of Smithfield Soon To Go



SCHOOL SITUATION AMICABLY SETTLED

Moore's School Section Will Have Elementary School Building By Next Year.

It takes time to straighten out difficulties, and school troubles are no exception to the rule, if any indication. The latest situation to be smoothed out is that arising in Moore's school section, which was amicably settled here Friday afternoon when a compromise was effected thus giving to that neighborhood after this year an elementary school through the seventh grade with the privilege of the high school pupils attending Glendale.

On August 4, Glendale, Watson's and Moore's school districts voted to consolidate with a uniform tax of fifty cents. The election carried and was approved on August 17 by the board of county commissioners. Dissatisfaction arose over the election, a charge of fraud being made. A delegation appeared before the county commissioners and Oct. 9 was set as the date for a special hearing in the matter. On Oct. 9, the court house was crowded to hear the evidence in the case. It was not shown that fraud was practiced and the election stands, but the meeting was continued until last Friday, Oct. 16, when a compromise was made whereby the board of education proposes to erect by the beginning of the school term next year, not less than a three-room building in the Moore's school neighborhood for elementary grades.

The feeling in the case seemed to be considerable but both sides expressed satisfaction at the settlement and called on the citizens to cooperate in building up a good school. Attorneys were employed by both factions, the consolidated district being represented by Mr. Paul D. Grady of Kenly, while Messrs. James Raynor of Benson and W. H. Lyon of this city, appeared for the dissatisfied voters.

NEW MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

At a meeting of the school board held last night, Dr. A. H. Rose was chosen as a member of the board to succeed Dr. L. D. Wharton, who resigned a month ago. Dr. Wharton resigned on account of his health. He has served on the board for ten years and has been an interested member of the board and has rendered splendid service to the school. He has been chairman of the board for the past two years, since the resignation of Mr. F. H. Brooks, Mr. Jas. A. Wellons who has been vice-president of the board, was elected chairman at this meeting last night.

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Old Turnpike Will Soon Give Place To Hard Surface

Building of Embankment Beyond Neuse River A Monument To Public Spirited Citizens of Smithfield and State.

BOATS IN OLD DAYS

(Contributed to The Herald)

The old bridge across Neuse River is soon to be torn down, and travel being diverted to the new bridge, on the route of the state highway when the concrete approaches to the bridge were completed Saturday.

The turnpike from the old bridge to Beasley's store will of course be abandoned, and thus will pass one of the landmarks of Smithfield. A history of this turnpike may be of interest to readers of The Herald and the structure is particularly worthy to be remembered, because it was a monument to the vision and public spirit of one man who lived among us a half century ago.

Before the turnpike was built two thirds of the road from the Neuse to the fork of the road at Mr. Stephenson's gin, was under water, in every large overflow or freshet. People living in this day of modern improvement can hardly estimate this inconvenience. When "a freshet was in the river" all travel from the Sanders-Beasley brickyard to Smithfield was made in small flat boats. Imagine the feelings of a man coming to the county seat during a freshet! He would be obliged to tie his horse to a tree, near the site of Mr. Beasley's store—then a thick wilderness—and perhaps wait until a boatman could be called to his side of the river. Then he would get in the little canoe and be rowed slowly across the quarter of a mile of water. He would return in the same way entering the boat at the foot of the bridge, and again slowly crossing the flooded lowlands. Needless to say, that no one came to Smithfield at such times, unless the necessity was urgent.

When a family on the west side of the river had sickness, great anxiety was felt lest the river should rise and "sending for the doctor" be made a matter of hours. That meant that some one must go to the edge of the water, be paddled across, find the physician, bring him down to the bridge, have him rowed across in the canoe, get in the waiting vehicle and go to his patient. If the doctor did not have a complete supply of drugs in his pockets—he usually did—"filling the prescription" would necessitate another tedious trip to town. What would the people of the 60's think of our paved roads, automobiles and telephones? Smithfield was then a village of about 400 inhabitants, and the most serious obstacle in the way of its growth, was the isolation caused by high water.

This was the situation in 1867,

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COTTON MILL HEARING POSTPONED TILL OCT. 21

The hearing in the Ivanhoe Manufacturing company bankruptcy proceedings before Joseph B. Cheshire, referee in bankruptcy, in Raleigh set for last Friday, October 16, was postponed on account of the illness of the daughter of Mr. E. K. Broadhurst, president of the defunct corporation. The case has created considerable interest in Smithfield, and a goodly number were present Friday for the hearing. Already the hearing had consumed two days, and the case was expected to near completion on Friday. There was general disappointment among the minority stockholders when Referee Cheshire made the announcement that Mr. Broadhurst's daughter would be operated on that afternoon and Mr. Broadhurst wanted to be present at the operation. The trial will be continued tomorrow, October 21, at ten o'clock in the Federal court room, Raleigh.

LARGE EELS STOP FLOW ELECTRICITY

Eels Found Wrapped Around Water Wheel When Lights Grew Dim.

Mr. P. W. Barber, of near Clayton, was in the city Saturday and gave an interesting account of an incident in connection with his lighting system. Mr. Barber has electric lights in his home operated by power which is generated at his mill about half a mile away. One night last week he noticed that his lights suddenly grew dim and he went down to the mill to investigate the cause. There he found large eels wrapped around the water wheels, so many of them twisted around the axle that they had clogged it so that the wheel had almost ceased to move, thus holding up the power and causing the lights to dim. Mr. Barber said it took him about half an hour to get them out. They were packed in so tightly that they had to be cut out with a knife and the pieces pulled out with a hook.

Mr. Barber says he has this trouble every fall during the running season. The small ones do not bother, Mr. Barber says. Mr. Barber has a splendid lighting system. He has all the power he can use, furnishing the brightest of lights, heating irons, etc. The electricity is made at his mill and has given excellent service since the lights were installed.

JUNIOR ORDER TO ATTEND CHURCH IN A BODY

The members of the Junior Order will meet at the hall next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock and go in a body to the Baptist church for the morning service. All Juniors are invited to attend.

FOLKS TALKING OF COUNTY FAIR

This Fair The Best Seems To Be The Consensus of Opinion.

EXPECT 4 BIG DAYS

That the people of Johnston county are believing more and more every day that the Johnston County Fair this year is going to be more of a success than ever before is no longer to be doubted. You may judge as the popularity of anything from the amount of talk you hear going in the rounds, public opinion is a moulder of destinies; and that being the case, all things are pointing to a successful fair.

Exhibits, shows, free acts, races, and the crowds make a fair. What is to be the extent of the exhibits remains to be seen. One can never tell how many there are to be until a few days prior to the fair, no matter where it is to be held. But the shows can be told about, and have been told through the medium of the Johnston county press. Brown and Dyer Shows are coming here, and they are going to bring a multitude of attractions with them. The free acts have been signed, according to reliable information and the acrobats are practicing hard to be in good form, the bucking Ford is being greased daily and kept in fine shape, and the trained fleas are being kept on the fattest canines to be found—there is a lot in the frame of mind which either makes or contributes to success or failure. The same is true of the horses which are being entered daily. As to the crowds, from the amount of talk that is going the rounds, then the crowds are going to be here in full force. The more the fair of this county is boasted, then the larger the crowd is going to be.

There seems to be more confidence in general that the Fair this year is going to be bigger and better than ever, and that is going to contribute a great deal to the success.

The Popularity Contest is growing in esteem daily, and it is said here by officials of the fair that it has a very firm grip on the Southern part of the county especially. In fact, it was gathered from a conversation with one of these officials that a young lady from the southernmost town in the county was leading the other prospective queens by a healthy margin.

There remains several honorary positions to be filled, such as the Chief Marshal and his assistants, and the Ball Managers. These will probably be announced the latter part of this or the first of next week.

The people of the county will do well to watch The Herald Friday for a special Fair Section, called the Johnston County Fair Bulletin. Details of every sort will be given for the public's notice through the medium of the paper, and it will be worth while to read what the fair is going to be. Of course you've already read and heard and seen most of this "dope" but it will be well to take it in thoroughly one more time as a sort of gentle reminder.

W. H. TEMPLETON IS HURT BY A. C. L. TRAIN

Mr. W. H. Templeton, section foreman at the station here, was injured by engine No. 312 as it was shifting at the depot Friday afternoon about one o'clock. The engine backed against him, knocking him down. He sustained a severe cut over his right eye and his left side was badly broken and bruised. Mr. Templeton was immediately taken to a Rocky Mount hospital where he is undergoing treatment.

Notice to Co-op Members

The regular meeting of the Cotton and Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Associations will be held in the commissioner's room of the court house here Wednesday, October 21, at 2:30 o'clock. Every member is urged to be present. Through mistake this meeting was announced for last Wednesday.

J. A. SMITH, Chairman.