

# The Smithfield Herald

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SMITHFIELD NEEDS:  
—Bigger Pay Roll.  
—A Modern Hotel.  
—Renovation of Opera House.  
—More Paved Streets.  
—Chamber of Commerce.

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## CHAUTAQUA IS COMING NOV. 12

Advance Representative  
Makes Talks in Schools  
and Churches Telling  
Of Program.

## BENEFIT OF SCHOOL

Mr. Joseph Cottam, representing Swarthmore Chautauqua which gives a program in this city Nov. 12-14, was here Wednesday, interviewing some of those interested in the coming event. He made talks at the graded school during the day, and at the mid-week prayer meetings at the Baptist and Methodist churches concerning the Chautauqua, and made a prayer-meeting talk at the Methodist church. He is on his way to Elm City through the influence of Rev. D. H. Tuttle, to organize a Chautauqua there, the first they will have had.

The series of lectures, entertainments and musical numbers to be given here Nov. 12-14 will be held in the high school auditorium. The Chautauqua is sponsored by twenty or more public-spirited citizens who believe in clean, wholesome entertainment, but the profits will be turned over for the use of the school.

The modern Chautauqua is an outgrowth of the Lyceum movement founded in 1826 by Josiah Holbrook. His first lyceum was organized in answer to the need for an open forum where speakers would be free from limitation of speaking on sectarian and political platforms. Filling an important place in American social life, the Lyceum has rendered an ever-increasing service to democratic progress. The leaders in American political, literary and social life, Lowell, Holmes, Emerson, Garrison, Sumner, Phillips, Beecher, Gough, addressed their initial and their largest audiences from the lyceum platforms.

In time the lyceum programs were further enriched by the addition of high grade musical and entertainment numbers, which popularized the movement still more. In 1874, at Lake Chautauqua, New York, Bishop John H. Vincent organized the Chautauqua Sunday School Association which was at first a summer school for religious instruction, but which now includes the whole field of general education for adult persons out of school. In imitation of these summer assemblies at Lake Chautauqua other assemblies like the parent institution have sprung up all over the country. They have, however, fewer of the study groups and more of the musical and entertainment features. They often last for a week or more, and lectures, concerts and entertainments are given daily.

## ANALYSIS OF WATER

Serial No. F 8596.  
Sent by Supt. Water Works.  
Location Smithfield.  
Marked, Smithfield (Oct.)  
Received 10-22-25.  
Reported 10-26-25.  
Sediment 0.  
Color, 10.  
Turbidity, 0.  
Odor cold, 0.  
Odor hot, 0.  
Alkalinity 18.7.  
Alum. 0.  
Chlorides 8.  
Nitrates, 0.  
pH, 6.6.  
B. coli in 1 cc, 0.  
B. coli in 10 cc, 0.  
B. coli in 50 cc, 0.  
Total bacteria count per cc at 38 deg. C., 12.  
Count on lactose litmus agar per cc., 0.  
Acid-producing bacteria per cc. C. A. SHORE, Director.  
J. W. K., Analyst.

"And what did you think of Venice?" asked the friend.  
"Venice? Venice?" said Mrs. Greening. Then she turned to her husband. "Did we go to Venice, George?"  
"Don't you remember we stopped there but there was a flood on, so we didn't leave the station?"—Ex.

## FRANCES G. CURTIS



Frances G. Curtis, for the past thirteen years a member of the Boston schools committee, has announced her candidacy for the office of mayor of Boston. She is the first woman to seek this honor.

## BENSON KIWANIANS PULL GOOD STUNT

The President, Dr. A. S. Oliver, Is  
Butt of Joke at Dinner  
Meeting.

(Special to The Herald)  
Benson, Oct. 29.—The regular weekly meeting of the Kiwanis club was held at the North State hotel on Tuesday evening, October 27, with a fairly good attendance. Manager Jernigan served an unusually excellent repast.

Mr. and Mrs. Weinstein, who are here supervising construction of the creamery plant, were guests of the club. Mrs. Weinstein made a short talk and then presented the club with good cigars, with her compliments.  
Henry Slombac was in charge of the program and pulled one of the neatest stunts heard of in this section. He called on Dr. Oliver, president of the club, to imitate the peculiarities in speech of Kiwanian C. T. Johnson. This he did in his usual characteristic manner to the mirth of every one present. He next called on Dr. W. T. Martin to render a solo in imitation of the singing attributed to J. C. Warren. This of course was farcical and produced much laughter, seemingly from every one present except Kiwanian Warren. He next called upon L. L. Levinson to imitate Professor Renegar making a speech. At this juncture Professor Renegar arose and addressing the President, stated that he was opposed to being made fun of and to such tactics as were being used in the program. Whereupon he sat down. J. C. Warren arose and made practically the same remarks, adding that during all of his experience as a Kiwanian he had only been absent on two occasions and that he did not feel like being made the goat of.

The situation was tense. A pin dropping upon the floor could have been heard distinctly, and it looked for a moment as if the end of the Kiwanian movement had arrived in Benson.  
Dr. Oliver having failed to breathe during this tense period finally caught his breath and proceeded to effervesce, blushing seven different shades of red. He finally blurted out his profound apologies to the club members begging pardon and assuring them that nothing personal was meant and no embarrassment intended. That it was all in a spirit of fun and so intended.

At this period the participants in the farce together with the program director began to giggle and clap their hands, whereupon the secret was out and everybody applauded with great vigor. Dr. Oliver wreathed in smiles then realized that the joke was on him and so expressed himself, all of it having been done with the sole view of pulling a joke on our vigorous and faithful president.  
This was perhaps the best stunt pulled off so far by the Kiwanis Club and was most thoroughly enjoyed by every one present.

## Full Docket In Recorder's Court

Nine Criminal Cases  
Disposed of In Recorder's  
Court Tuesday.

The Recorder's Court was in session here on Tuesday and the following cases were disposed of:  
Rance Massengill, a white man of Ingrams township, was tried for trespass and found guilty. Continued prayer for judgment upon payment of cost was entered against him.  
Walter Thompson, white, was also tried and found guilty on a charge of trespass. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of cost.

Andrew J. Worrel, white, charged with trespass, was found guilty and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of cost.  
Sidney Adams, a white man of Ingrams township, was found guilty of trespass and was discharged upon payment of cost, from which judgment he appealed to the Superior Court. The appeal bond was fixed at \$50.  
Harry Klevas was found guilty of an assault with deadly weapon and fined \$10 and cost.

Zeb Jones, white, was found guilty of an assault and sentenced to serve ninety days in jail to be hired out to work on the county roads. He took an appeal to Superior Court.  
Willie Atkinson, a negro, was charged with reckless driving and found guilty. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 for damage done to the car of the prosecuting witness. He was also taxed with the cost of the action.  
Leo Worrel and Ransom Lee were tried for trespass. Worrel lives in Smithfield and was found not guilty. Lee is a resident of Ingrams township and the state secured a conviction against him.

F. P. Rose was charged with operating a car while intoxicated. He was found guilty and taxed with the cost of the action. Prayer for judgment was continued.  
EDGAR PHARR VETOES  
LONGER SCHOOL TERM

Failure of the equalization fund to equalize the burden of taxation for schools was given by Edgar Pharr, speaker of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of North Carolina, yesterday as his reason for not approving the proposed amendment providing for a state-wide eight month school term. This amendment was announced as the chief feature of the legislative program of the North Carolina and will be brought before the legislature at the next session, as an amendment to the constitution. It has the backing of 8,000 public school teachers and has been endorsed by State Superintendent of Public Instruction A. T. Allen. This body points out that all the southern states in this section have an eight month school term while North Carolina requires only a six month term.—News and Observer.

## Denominations at N. C. C. W.

Greensboro, Oct. 28.—Interesting information is given out in a list recently prepared by Miss Mary Taylor Moore, registrar of North Carolina college, which shows the religious leaning of the almost 1650 students now present at that institution. Only 27 of the group indicated no preference.  
Here is the list: Methodist, 582; Baptist 432; Presbyterian, 304; Episcopal, 108; Lutheran, 51; Christian, 28; Methodist Protestant, 24; Jewish, 23; Friends, 11; Reformed, 10; Universalist, 4; Disciples, 4; Moravian, 3; Church of Covenant, 3; Congregational, 2; Christian Science, 2; Catholic, 2; Bible Student, 1; Holiness, 1; Unitarian, 1; Church of Christ, 1; no preference, 27.

## GIN REPORT

There were 47,698 bales of cotton ginned in Johnston county from the crop of 1925 prior to October 18, 1925 as compared with 13,594 bales ginned to October 18, 1924.  
E. G. HOLLAND, Gin Reporter.

## EVAN E. YOUNG



New photograph of Evan E. Young, who has been appointed minister to the Dominican republic. He entered the service of the State department in 1905 and since 1923 has been chief of the division of eastern European affairs.

## PROCLAMATION OF THANKSGIVING DAY

President Coolidge Declares Nation  
Has Many Things To Be  
Thankful For

Washington, Oct. 27.—President Coolidge today proclaimed Thursday, November 26, as Thanksgiving day, when gratitude should be expressed for "many and great blessings" which have come to the people during the past year.

"The nation has been brought with safety and honor through another year," the proclamation said, "with peace at home and abroad, with the public health good, with harvests and industries productive and labor well rewarded."

The proclamation follows:  
By the President of the United States of America:  
A proclamation:  
"The season approaches when, in accordance with a long established and respected custom, a day is set apart to give thanks to Almighty God for the manifold blessings which his gracious and benevolent providence has bestowed upon us as a nation and as individuals.

"We have been brought with safety and honor through another year and, through the generosity of nature, He has blessed us with resources whose potentiality in wealth is almost incalculable; we are at peace at home and abroad; the public health is good; we have been undisturbed by pestilence or great catastrophe; our harvests and our industries have been rich in productivity, and our commerce spreads over the whole world and labor has been well rewarded for its remunerative service.  
"As we have grown and prospered in material things, so also should we progress in moral and spiritual things, we are a God-fearing people who should set ourselves against evil and strive for righteousness in living and observing the Golden Rule we should from our abundance help and serve those less fortunately placed. We should bow in gratitude to God for his many favors.

"Now, therefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, do hereby set apart Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of November, next, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, and I recommend that on that day the people shall cease from their work and in their homes or in their accustomed places of worship, devoutly give thanks to the Almighty for the many and great blessings they have received and to seek his guidance that they may deserve a continuance of His favor.  
In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington, this twenty-sixth day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and of the independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and fiftieth."  
"CALVIN COOLIDGE."  
(Seal): By the President.  
Frank B. Kellogg, Secretary of State.—Associated Press.

## J. E. Crocker Kills Himself With Gun

Despondent Over Health  
Takes His Own Life  
At His Home.

A tragic occurrence took place in O'Neals township Sunday morning when Mr. J. E. Crocker shot himself and was instantly killed. Mr. Crocker had high blood pressure and had been in a despondent state of mind for a month preceding the sad occurrence. On Sunday morning he ate breakfast as usual and went out into the yard just after he had finished eating, about 7:30 o'clock. The family heard the report of a gun shot, and when his son reached him he was already dead.

The deceased was forty-five years of age. He leaves a wife and five children. The funeral was held Monday afternoon and interment was made in the home cemetery. Rev. Debro Stancil, pastor of Bethany Missionary Baptist church preached the funeral, and the Little River Council Jr. O. U. A. M. had charge of the burial service.  
Mrs. Crocker was in the city yesterday and qualified as administratrix on the estate of her husband.

## ZADOC WIGGS DIES AT HOME NEAR PINE LEVEL

Selma, Oct. 27.—Zadoc Wiggs, successful farmer who lived near Pine Level, suffered a stroke of paralysis ten days ago from which he never rallied. He died Saturday morning at his home in the presence of the members of his family. Mr. Wiggs was 67 years of age, a quiet unassuming man of sterling qualities. He was preceded to the grave by his wife eight years ago. He was the father of 17 children, seven of whom survive, 10 small children lie buried by the parents. A large concourse of people attended the burial Sunday afternoon to pay a last tribute of respect to a friend and neighbor.

## SELMA HOME IS DAMAGED BY EARLY MORNING BLAZE

Selma, Oct. 28.—H. Bradley Pearce was awakened this morning about 4 o'clock by a noise which he first thought to be rain on the roof. Upon investigation he found the kitchen and back part of his house in a light blaze. The fire alarm was immediately turned in and by the heroic work of firemen and neighbors, a portion of the household furniture was saved as well as the two front rooms of the house, though these were badly damaged. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

## TOBACCO COOPS IMPROVE RECORD

Raleigh, Oct. 27.—The Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association has received more than 32 million pounds of tobacco from the present crop, and according to the report made at the meeting of its board of directors last week, the association was 4,500,000 pounds ahead of the 1924 season's receipts up to October 19.

The organized tobacco farmers have also benefitted this year from the increased cash advance for their tobacco which has been maintained in every belt at 65 per cent of bankers' valuation. This is shown by the fact that \$3,375,402.25 had been received by the members up to October 19, as compared to \$2,444,354.42 for last season's deliveries up to the same date. This shows a substantial gain in deliveries to the association and in payments to its members.

Another cash payment on deliveries of the 1924 crop will be made to the organized tobacco farmers at the earliest possible date, according to their directors who point to the fact that the 447 million pounds of tobacco received by the association during its first three years of operation only 34 million pounds of the bright tobacco which has been re-dried, remain unsold and of the dark-fired tobacco delivered to the association 20 million pounds of the re-dried product are now in hand.  
The tobacco association this year adopted a very liberal policy toward its members who failed to make deliveries of tobacco the

## FAIR TO CONTINUE THROUGH SATURDAY

The Fair will continue through tomorrow (Saturday), and automobile racing and aviation stunts will feature the day. The free acts will be given as they have each afternoon and evening during the week, and the Brown & Dyer shows will also remain open throughout the day and evening. The same admission will be charged as on other days.

Eight automobiles have been entered for the racing which will start at two-thirty Saturday afternoon.

## Selma Club Puts On Flower Show

Entries to the Number of  
114 Makes A Lovely  
Array.

Selma, Oct. 29.—The Woman's Club of this city yesterday staged its first Floral Fair. To say that it was a success, would be putting it mildly. Such an array of lovely potted plants and cut flowers would be hard to imagine at this season of the year and also after the prolonged drought. The President, Mrs. W. W. Hare, has done a number of things for the upbuilding of the town and community since entering upon her duties, but nothing which has created more interest and enthusiasm. She, with a corps of efficient helpers had made the Ward-Earp building on Racerford street a bower of beauty with decorations of crep paper, streamers, etc., before the flowers, including 144 entries were put on which served as a very attractive background for them.

Mrs. D. H. McCullers of Clayton, Miss Minnie Lee Garrison of Smithfield, and Miss Elizabeth Gaine of Fayetteville, were the judges.  
Dinner and supper was served by the ladies of the club and a nice sum was realized. This is Selma's first floral fair but by no means the last.

## Mr. A. R. Gordon Dead

Alfred R. Gordon, Sr., passed away at his home Wednesday, October 7, at 5:15. He had been in declining health for over two years with paralysis, but his death came as a shock. He had been considerably better for nearly a week, having picked cotton the day before and was taken in the field. He was fifty years old on August 1. He was so much better we thought he would be spared to us for many years but God saw fit to call him away when it seemed we needed him most. It is so hard to realize that things are so mysteriously done for our good, but some day we shall perfectly understand. While we miss him we hope our loss is his eternal gain for his last words were, "God will take care of me."

The deceased is survived by a wife, Mrs. Ada Lassiter Gordon, and eight children as follows: Alfred, Howell, Solomon, Sanfoyl, Louis, Mary Elizabeth and twin girls that came one week after his burial. He also leaves two brothers, J. C. Gordon, of Smithfield, C. P. Gordon of Wake Forest, and one sister, Mrs. W. H. Howard of Oxford.

Dearest father, thou hast left us  
And our loss we deeply feel;  
But 'tis God who hath bereft us—  
He can all our sorrows heal.  
Peaceful be thy silent slumber,  
Peaceful in the grave so low;  
Thou no more will join our number  
Thou no more our songs shall know,  
Yet again we hope to meet thee,  
When the day of life is fled,  
And with joy in heaven to greet thee  
Where no farewell tears are shed.  
Written by his wife,  
MRS. A. R. GORDON.

past season. No penalty was taken from the deliveries of the present crop to pay for contract breaking in other years. On the other hand, the association will take legal means to protect its loyal members from contract breakers who fail to deliver this year's crop to the cooperative floors.

## Hon. Francis D. Winston Opens Johnston's Fair

## SAMUEL REA



Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania railroad system, has just reached the age of seventy years, and under the regulations of the company automatically retired from active service.

## FOUR OAKS HAS LYCEUM COURSE

Junior B. Y. P. U. Gives Demonstration Program at Blackman's Grove Church.

Four Oaks, October 28.—The first number of the Lyceum course was given Friday night in the school auditorium. Miss Lura Forbes "Reader and Impersonator," proved to be a delightful entertainer. Each attraction comes a month apart, and the next number which will be in November is a Male Quartet. It is hoped there will be a good crowd. Each entertainment is interesting and educational.

The Junior B. Y. P. U. of the Four Oaks Baptist church gave a demonstration of their work Sunday night to the Blackman's Grove church. There was a number present to enjoy the program which was beautifully given. Although the juniors are small they are interested and do a good work.

Mrs. Lawhorn of Benson spent Wednesday here with her mother, Mrs. C. W. Bandy.  
Mr. Elmo Gattis, of Enfield, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Austin.  
Mr. W. J. Lewis made a business trip to Richmond last week. Among those who attended the circus in Raleigh Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Creech, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Canaday, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stanley and Mr. Ronald Keen. Miss Sallie Adams and Mesdames Bettie and Carson Adams spent Thursday afternoon in Raleigh shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Strickland and Mrs. W. R. Keen attended the Wilson county fair in Wilson Thursday.  
Misses Luna Lewis, Hicks Stanley, Oma Adams and Thelma Keen who are students at Greensboro college, spent the week end here with their parents.  
Miss Mildred Wilson and Mr. Walter Dixon spent Sunday in Wilson's Mills.  
Mesdames J. B. Creech, B. B. Creech, R. C. Canaday, Miss Gladys Beck and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ivey attended the Woman's Missionary Union of the Johnston Baptist Association at Mount Lebanon Thursday.

Mr. Irwin Barbore, of Wilson, spent Sunday in the city with relatives.  
Mr. Thomas Adams and Miss Margaret Strickland went to Greensboro Saturday.  
Misses Esther Creech, Meter Shaffer, Mrs. W. P. Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Strickland went to see Ringling brothers circus in Goldsboro Thursday night.  
Miss McDainels, a member of the faculty of the Four Oaks school, has resigned, having accepted a higher position in Henderson. Miss Octavia Jeffry, of Clayton, comes to fill Miss McDainels' place.  
A number of our town people went to see the "Ten Commandments" in Smithfield last week.

Tells Johnstonians They  
Send Out Too Much  
Money For Food and  
Feed Crops Depending  
Too Much on Cotton  
and Tobacco.

## PLENTY AMUSEMENT

The Johnston County fair comes to its closing day with every day full to the brim with amusement. Free acts, the Brown and Dyer shows, numerous riding devices, racing, fireworks at night and good crowds have made for a regular fair. Quality rather than quantity has characterized the exhibits, probably due to several days of rain just preceding the opening, or more probably due to the fact that last year's premiums were never paid. Two individual farm exhibits belonging to Mr. D. Hooper Sanders, Smithfield, Route 2, and Mr. W. B. Lee, who lives near Benson, have been the chief attraction in the farm crops department. This department has been scant in former years, but Floral Hall booth presents the most complete appearance although there are a number of old relics and quite a bit of fancy work and art. Pantry supplies, canned goods, and school exhibits are small. The poultry department makes a good showing.

Tuesday, with a record crowd for opening day, harked back to the custom of former years in having a formal opening with a speaker. Hon. Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, was invited for this occasion and after the parade which ended in front of the grand stand at the fair grounds, he delivered a very appropriate address.  
Judge Winston spoke in part as follows:  
"An agricultural fair ought to be a real index and representation of the agricultural and social life of the community it speaks for that is its primary purpose.  
"The fair exhibits should represent the real crop products and animal products, so far as the farm is concerned, and not represent the specially produced crop and specially fattened animals for prize-winning. A thousand pound hog is wonderful; but the real question suggested by his enormous weight should be, 'Does Johnston county buy or sell meat?'  
Two year old colts are beautiful, but they should suggest the question, 'Does Johnston county raise its horses and mules or does she buy them?'  
"And so on with your wonderful and beautiful exhibits, which by contrast will show the real agricultural conditions of this great county."

"In 1922 the total value of all farm products in North Carolina—crop and livestock products—was around \$500,000,000 and our rank was 15th. In that year the per farm production of farm crops and animal products was \$1587.00. Our rank among the States in this view was 37th. These figures represent the total value of all farm and garden products, and of all live stock products raised on the farm, including that consumed, as well as that sold. It represents the market value of everything produced on the farm that year. The division of this sum so as to show crop value, separate from live stock value, throws a flood of light on a weak spot in our farming. Of the sum \$1587.00 so raise per farm that year \$1308.00 represented crop production and \$249.00 represented animal products.  
"In the total production of animal products in 1922 our State ranked 21st with an aggregate of but 67,100,000. Our total production per farm was only \$249.00 and on this basis our rank was 43rd with five Southern States below us.  
"North Carolina ranks fifth in number of farms, 21st in total value of animal products and 43rd in value of such products per farm. In value of farm houses

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