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SMITHFIELD NEEDS:

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

Forty-third Year

SMITHFIELD, N. C., FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 6, 1925

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Convicts Knock Guard In Head And Make Get Away From Local Camp

Willie Williams, A Colored Man, Overpowers Guard, J. N. Nordan, Snatches Revolver From Him And With Three Other Prisoners Makes His Escape.

Four men escaped from the convict camp from here last night between eight and 8:30 o'clock after overpowering the guard and taking his revolver from him.

According to information received from the camp, J. N. Nordan, the guard, was opening the door of the prison camp in order to let the trustees enter for the night when Willie Williams, colored, sprang through the door and knocked him down. A scuffle followed in which Mr. Nordan received several hard blows and his pistol wrenched from his hands. During the skirmish the pistol fired but no one was hurt.

After the guard had been beaten up and made practically helpless, three other convicts seized the high-powered rifle which is used at the prison camp and made their escape along with Williams. They were the only convicts at the camp except the trustees who did not try to escape. Early this morning no trace had been found of the fugitives. Authorities at other towns have been notified and the search is under way.

Three of the prisoners wore shackles. Those who escaped were: Wiley Woodard, colored, who was serving a term of three years; Albert Johnson, white, who was serving a term of eighteen months; Willie Williams, colored, and James Davis, colored, who was sentenced for something like five years. Davis is said to have escaped from prison four times before.

Will Issue Bonds In Sum \$100,000

Work On Street Paving Will Probably Start Early Next Spring.

The paving plans for Smithfield upon which the City Fathers have been working during the past few months begin to take more definite shape, and the prospect now is that work will begin in early spring. The finance committee composed of Messrs. R. P. Holding and J. D. Underwood, recommended to the town board at its regular session Tuesday night, the issuing of a \$100,000 worth of bonds to take care of the paving program. Their recommendation was approved. The bonds will be serial bonds, and will be retired with funds collected from property owners along the streets to be paved together with one-third put up by the town itself. Increased taxation for this purpose is not anticipated. Certainly this year nor next year will extra taxation be necessary, and it is thought the fund will have augmented by that time sufficiently to take care of the interest and retirement.

A number of our citizens are interested in seeing the paving get under way, and will be gratified to learn that details of the undertaking will probably be settled within the next thirty days and the bonds advertised for sale.

Agreed
"Do you think they approved of my sermon?" asked the minister.

"Yes, I think so," replied his wife; "they were all nodding."—The Progressive Grocer.

—Compare your griefs with other men's and you will seem less.

J. L. LIVERMORE



Commissioners In Regular Session

Pass Order To Hold Delinquent Tax Sale on May 1st Next Year.

The sale of property for delinquent taxes for 1925 is scheduled to come off on the first Monday in May 1926 instead of November as this year, according to an order passed by the Board of County Commissioners at their regular meeting last Monday. The order is to the effect that the sheriff proceed and advertise all taxes not paid by April 1, 1926, and real estate be sold the first Monday in May, following as required by law. It was also ordered that the sheriff levy on personal property at any time after this date where it appears necessary in order to prevent loss of time.

Ordered also that the sheriff advertise a date in each township for attendance and collection of taxes for 1925 during the last half of November and first half of December 1925.

It is further ordered that a penalty of one half of one per cent be added as on Feb. 1, 1926, and one per cent on March 1, 1926, and one and one half per cent on April 1, 1926, and 50 cents cost be added after Feb. 1, 1926.

Ordered that M. R. Barefoot of Meadow township be released of dog tax for the year 1924 for the reason that he nor any member of his family had a dog at tax listing time that year.

Ordered that H. B. Marrow be authorized to employ two additional teachers not formerly included in the school budget.

Ordered that Miss Minnie Lee Garrison be paid \$25.58 for expenses incurred in placing the Johnston county exhibit at the state fair.

Ordered that Herman Rollins be released of \$2.00 poll tax for 1924 which was charged by error as he was not 21 years old at time of listing for that year.

Ordered that the road commissioners of Micro township be allowed to use what funds they have in hand for road purposes.

Ordered that where C. P. Ellis has submitted affidavit that his gin plant was destroyed by fire on the 6th day Jan. 1925, and that said tract of land and gin plant is listed at \$22,300, that said property be listed at \$20,000 releasing said property of \$2,300 valuation because of the fire.

Ordered that report of Mrs. D. J. Thurston, county superintendent Public Welfare, be approved for record.

Ordered that Children's Home Society at Greensboro, be paid \$33.34 for allowance for September and October.

Upon petition by the Board of Education and the school committee in Banner School District No. 3, an election is hereby called to be held in said district for white people to be held on Tuesday, December 22, 1925.

Ordered that Commissioner J. T. Edgerton be authorized to make a trip to Whitakers to make a purchase of 24 cheap grade coffins for the county of Johnston to be used in emergency cases for the poor.

Ordered that W. C. Massey be

WILL DEDICATE BENSON CHURCH

Benson Methodists Pay For Splendid Structure—Dedication Sermon By Bishop Denny.

HISTORY OF CHURCH

Benson, Nov. 5.—An approaching event of more than community wide interest is the dedication of the First Methodist church here on November 8th at eleven o'clock. Bishop Collins Denny of Richmond, Va., will preach the dedicatory sermon. It is to be a great day for the community and many out of town people are expected.

The church was erected in 1917-1918 during the pastorate of Rev. J. T. Stanford at a cost of \$45,000 and is perhaps the best ever built in the North Carolina Conference by a congregation of less than a hundred members. Constructed of red pressed brick and trimmed in Indiana limestone it is a beautiful, commodious and imposing structure. Ample provision has been made for all the requirements of a growing church for years to come.

Methodism was first organized in Benson in 1896 with six charter members, two of whom still survive. The are: Mrs. Cassandra J. Johnson and Mrs. Phoebe A. Holmes. The church was then a part of the Four Oaks Circuit and as such was served by the following ministers: D. B. Parker, W. A. Forbes, E. M. Snipes, J. M. Daniels, T. H. Sutton, R. F. Taylor and G. W. Starling.

In the fall of 1915, under the supervision of the presiding elder, Rev. M. T. Plyler, considerable wisdom was exercised in the forming of Benson and Elevation churches into a new charge and in the choice of Rev. J. T. Stanford.

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Building Houses For Crows and Sparrows

Kinston, Nov. 4.—Rudolph Croom will build bird houses for crows and English sparrows at his farm home near here. Croom is a Lenoir county health inspector. His neighbors will wonder "what has come over him," he expects, but Croom says he has reason to be friendly to the bird "pests."

The inspector declares he is convinced, after years of observation, that the rural-dwelling sparrows are useful creatures. "He is largely insectivorous. He prefers bugs to grain," he declares. The maligned crow is a feathered gentleman, Croom asserts. "He destroys some little corn in the spring of the year, but in tobacco season he worms the plants efficiently. Crows have saved me large sums in times when labor was scarce and high priced."

Business Meeting Held At Baptist Church

The members of the Smithfield Baptist church held their annual business meeting last Wednesday night with a large attendance of the members of the church. Reports were heard from all the officers and all the departments of the church, showing that much had been accomplished during the year. Contributions amounted to approximately \$6,000, and the membership had been substantially increased. New officers were elected as follows:

The term of office of three of the deacons had expired, and those elected were W. T. Holland, W. H. Lassiter, and Jesse E. Coats, the first two being re-elected. Superintendent of the Sunday school, W. H. Lassiter; Superintendent of Christian Education, Geo. Y. Ragsdale, who is also librarian; Superintendent of Missions, Mrs. J. M. Beaty; Superintendent of Young People's Work, Mrs. N. L. Perkins; Church Clerk, J. E. Coats; Treasurer, D. H. Creech; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Lillie L. Johnson; Auditor, R. P. Holding; Pianist, Miss Lallah Rookh Stephenson; Head Usher, W. H. Lassiter.

Tax Sale Did Not Come Off

The delinquent tax sale which was to have been held here last Monday, did not take place, because, according to Sheriff Parker, folks paid their taxes so fast Monday and Tuesday that the books were not available for the sale. People are still paying, and it will probably be Saturday noon before Auctioneer Crute starts his song of the tax sale. It takes some time to post the books but the sheriff thinks they will be in shape to conduct the sale Saturday.

EIGHT CHILDREN KILLED IN BUS

Atlantic Coast Line Florida Flier Crushes Into School Bus in Georgia.

21 ARE INJURED

Waycross, Ga., Nov. 2.—Collision of the Everglades Limited of the Atlantic Coast Line and a school bus at Nahunta, Ga., today resulted in the deaths of eight children and injuries to twenty-one others.

Victims of the crash were rushed to the hospital here aboard a special train. Four of them died on the way. The dead are: Thelma Wilson, 12; Anne Belle Wilson, 16; May Thornton, 12; Doris Herin, 14; Audrey May Johns, 12; Durwood Dowling, 7; Hershall Louis, 11; and Riley Hickox, 7. Reports from the hospital late this afternoon indicated that no more deaths are expected, although some of the remaining victims are in a serious condition.

Eloy Strickland, who was driving the bus, suffered a fractured leg. He stated to railroad officials here that he was driving in a misty rain and had all side curtains of the bus closed. As he approached the railroad track, he stated, he asked one of the boys on the bus to look north and see if there was a train approaching. Strickland said he looked toward the south. Just as the bus reached the center of the crossing, the train crashed into it. The terrific impact of the heavy locomotive threw the bus a distance of twenty feet and strewn its occupants along the right of way. Three of the children were killed instantly. The screams of their companions could be heard above the noise of the train as it sped down the track toward the station.

Box cars, parked near the crossing, the misty rain and the fact the bus curtains were up were contributing causes of the collision, witnesses declared. No official account of the crash has been issued by the railroad company and no comprehensive statement has been made by Strickland, the bus driver, or by the engineer of the Everglades Limited, which was rushing on its way to Florida when the accident occurred.

A relief train was made up at Nahunta immediately after the collision and the child victims were taken to the hospital here. Families of the children, Everett Knox, principal of the school to which the children were bound, closed the building after the collision and accompanied the victims to this city. News of the crash spread rapidly through this section and local citizens freely offered their services to families of the children who were riding on the ill-fated bus.—Associated Press.

Utopia

Tramp (to kind-looking gentleman): "Can you spare me a little money, sir?"
The gentleman gave him a dime and asked what he would do with it.

"Well," said the tramp, "I shall have a bath first, then get a good suit of clothes, then a good breakfast, and I shall put the rest in the bank."—Good Hardware.

Watch the date on your label and don't let your subscription expire.

Armistice Day In Johnston County

Ex-Service Men Guests of Honor at Celebration to Be Held In Clayton.

Something near five hundred ex-service men are expected to be in Clayton next Wednesday, November 11th, to take part in the Armistice Day celebration, and a committee made up of men and women from every township in the county are busy at work to make it the biggest patriotic event ever staged in the county, and in this way to show their appreciation of the part these veterans took in the recent great war.

Heretofore Clayton has given a barbecue to its local men on Armistice Day, but this year it was desired to make the event a county-wide one, and to invite all the ex-service men in the county to Clayton, and this year the program of events will be planned on a larger and broader scale.

The program as near as it can be announced at this time, provides for a public speaking by some leading citizen of the State. The speaking will be held near Horne's store at 11 o'clock. Everybody is invited to the speaking. From here the ex-service men will march to the new ball park, where a barbecue dinner will be served. The dinner will be for the soldiers only. During the day there will be music by a brass band, and other things are being planned for the entertainment of the honored guests.

Everything on the program, with the exception of the dinner, will be free to the public, and a large crowd of visitors are expected to go to Clayton for the celebration. Ministers in the county are here requested to make announcement in their pulpits Sunday concerning the celebration.

The Native Come-Back

A small town plumber in Maine who had been called out to one of the palatial summer homes in his vicinity to repair a leak in the water pipe, entered the place and began to work.

"Norah," said the woman of the house imperiously to her maid, "see that my jewel case is locked at once!"

"George," said the plumber, removing his false teeth in a significant manner and handing them to his helper, "take these back to the shop! It seems this place ain't safe." From Everybody's Magazine for November.

Cole Damage Suit May Wait A Year

Unless Special Term of Civil Court Is Called It Will Have to Wait.

Raleigh, Nov. 3.—Unless there is a special term of civil court called for the trial of the Cole damage case, the folks who are excited about it will have to calm a year, according to Clerk "Truvy" Royster.

Mr. Royster says there are 400 or more civil cases on the local calendar and they will have to go off before the Cole case can come on. The fact that \$150,000 is at stake will not necessarily hurry the issue, Mr. Cole is not going to rush things and Mr. Ormond cannot.

It is not likely that special term will be called. Governor McLean hurried the criminal case and had a judge working on it within 45 days. That issue was settled with a judgment of not guilty. But the finding of the Union jury turns out not to have been very generally popular.

A wait of one year will take a world of popular interest away. It should work to the advantage of Mr. Cole who got off lightly at the other hearing and then ran into a very savage public sentiment.

The defendant is said to be in Arkansas, but his friends do not believe the recurring rumor that he is going to move away from Rockingham.

COL. W. C. PROCTER



Col. William Cooper Procter, millionaire soap manufacturer of Cincinnati, who successfully sued Col. A. A. Sprague of Chicago for \$50,000 because they jointly signed a note for \$100,000 for money to help finance the campaign to nominate Gen. Leonard Wood for the Presidency in 1920 and Sprague declined to pay half of it.

Noted Speaker at Methodist Church

Oliver W. Stewart of Indiana To Speak at M. E. Church Sunday.

The pulpit of the Centenary Methodist church Sunday morning, at eleven o'clock will be occupied by Mr. Oliver W. Stewart, a man of unusual ability who will speak upon a subject of vital interest not only to the people of this community but throughout the nation.

Mr. Stewart, President of the Flying Squadron Foundation, Indianapolis, Indiana, one of the speakers of the Flying Squadron, which is to hold a series of meetings in Raleigh, is said to have few equals on the American platform. The Chicago Tribune, commenting on one of his addresses said: "He was applauded repeatedly and at the conclusion of his speech was cheered long and loud. His speech was the oratorical feature of the proceedings."

There are those that think the prohibition issue dead. All such will be disillusioned upon hearing Mr. Stewart's address, it is said. He will point out the critical situation in which the country finds itself at the present time, and will offer a remedy.

The meeting is free to the public. Everybody is invited.

Mr. Stewart was a former member of the Illinois Legislature, is a speaker of rare ability and for many years was associated with ex-governor Hanly of Indiana in the work of the Flying Squadron Foundation in the interest of Prohibition and Law Enforcement.

Mr. A. M. Sanders Is Laid To Rest

The funeral of Mr. A. M. Sanders held at the home Tuesday afternoon was largely attended. The service which was conducted by his pastor, Rev. A. J. Parker, was simple but impressive.

Leroy Thiem, of Raleigh, Mrs. N. B. Holland and Miss Irene Myatt sang "One Sweetly Shalun Thought." Other songs used were favorites of the family: "How Firm a Foundation," and "Rock of Ages."

The profusion of flowers were carried by nieces of the deceased, and the mound was completely covered by these silent offerings of sympathy.

Among those attending the funeral from a distance were: Mrs. Walter F. Woodard and son, Thomas, Mrs. James Ed Woodard and Miss Sallie Hadley, of Wilson; Mrs. Leroy Thiem, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ross Pou, Mr. and Mrs. William Bailey Jones and Mr. Randalers, of Raleigh; Mrs. Emma Elington, Mrs. B. A. Hocutt, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sanders, Jr., and Mr. Oscar Smith, of Clayton.

CHAUTAQUA IS ON NEXT WEEK

Three Days of Lectures, Musical Numbers and Other Entertainment In Store.

GIVE POPULAR PLAY

Next week our citizens will have an opportunity to see six programs of the Swarthmore Chautauqua which is scheduled to give a series of lectures, entertainments and musical numbers in the high school auditorium beginning Thursday afternoon and lasting three days. The chautauqua is brought to Smithfield by twenty guarantors, but the Parent-Teacher Association, one of the guarantors, is conducting the sale of tickets and the net proceeds will be turned into the treasury of the association for the use of the school. Superintendent N. C. Shuford will have charge of the sale of the junior tickets and every member of the school will be allowed to enjoy the entertainments on a junior ticket.

The program as advertised promises three days of worth while amusement. On the opening day the Llera Mexican Serranaders will appear both afternoon and evening. Mexican music is famous for its appeal to the aesthetic and spiritual nature, and this is the first American tour of these talented musicians. Senor Felipe Llera, Senora Julia Llera and Felipe Antonio Llera, boy soprano, will appear in native costumes. Senor Llera is one of the most popular composers in Mexico today. This group has already been secured by the Victor Talking Machine company to record native music. On Thursday evening in addition to the music concert Marion Ballou Fiske, who for thirteen years has given entertainments in every state in the union and practically every province of Canada, will be on the program. Mrs. Fiske is a combination of cartoonist, entertainer, story teller and lecturer. If she were not good she would not still be so popular after thirteen years.

On Friday afternoon and evening the Davis sisters, known as "Sammies' Sisters" during the war, will give concerts. They began their musical training at ten years of age. They are artists on the trumpets, mellophone, Flugel horn and Euphonium. On Friday evening J. Franklin Babb, who has spoken before Rotarian and Kiwanis clubs repeatedly, will lecture. He does not really give a lecture—he calls it a Homologue—a man's talk. Three times during the past year he was called back to speak at the New Jersey Kiwanis club, twice at the New York City Kiwanis club, three times to Boston, Mass., three times to Providence, R. I., and eight times to the Newark, N. J., high school. He is a poet of no mean ability, his poems having been published in some of the leading magazines of the country.

On Thursday and Friday afternoons the junior Chautauqua leader will work with the children, and on Saturday afternoon they will present a concert. A lecture to be announced later will also be a part of the Saturday afternoon program.

On Saturday evening a comedy drama, "Give and Take," will provide a full evening program. This screaming farce on modern business and economic life has a laugh for nearly every line. The play had long runs in New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago. It has been played recently in Asheville where it was widely advertised, tickets for the performance being one dollar and a half—the price of an adult season ticket for the three days Chautauqua.

Baptist Church Sunday

Sunday school 9:30 a. m. The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The subject in the morning is "Christ's Challenge to the Heroic." The church begins a new year with new officers, and all members are invited earnestly to attend all the services. A cordial invitation and a warm welcome to visitors.