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## Good Woman Passes Away

Mrs. Mary E. Hatcher, 76 Years Old, Passes Away In Selma.

Selma, Nov. 12.—On Wednesday morning, November 4, at five o'clock Mrs. Mary E. Hatcher passed peacefully away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. F. Brietz. Mrs. Hatcher came to Selma ten years ago with her daughter and son-in-law. Since that time she has endeared herself to hosts of friends who grieve at her passing and will miss her wise counsel and lovely Christian influence. She had been a patient sufferer for several years. Funeral services were conducted at the home before taking the body to her old home in Fayetteville, Tenn., for burial. Her pastor, Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, officiated, assisted by Rev. C. H. Cashwell of the Baptist church, Rev. A. M. Mitchell of the Presbyterian church and Rev. G. B. Perry of Princeton, a much beloved former pastor. "Rock of Ages" and "Asleep in Jesus" were sung by a choir from members of the several churches in town. The lovely floral designs bore mute testimony to the love and esteem in which she was held. The pall bearers were: Messrs. B. L. Talton, W. T. Woodard, Joe Morgan, W. H. Call, J. O. Creech and W. H. Poole, Jr.

A large number of sorrowing friends accompanied the family to the station when the remains were taken to her old home in Fayetteville, Tenn., for burial.

The following beautiful eulogy was delivered by Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald:

"Mary Elizabeth Hatcher was born September 7th, 1849, the daughter of Robt. P. and Polly Woodard, and of a family of eleven children, from which only one survives. Four grandchildren, and other near relatives also survive. She passed to her eternal reward on November 4, 1925, thus in brief marks the coming and going of a wonderful, saintly woman.

"Her early childhood was blessed with the godly environments of a devoutly Christian home. There the fundamental characteristics which so pre-eminently manifested themselves in all her life were planted. She dedicated her young life to Christ during those formative years, which made her life a blessing to all with whom she came in contact.

"As a wife, she knew the responsibilities of making a real home for her husband and family. She was truly a help-meet, a co-worker in maintaining the spirit and life of a Christian dwelling place. Here she revealed her saintly character seldom equalled and rarely excelled. The undertakings and trials were bravely borne. Husband and wife labored diligently one for the other. Their burdens were divided and their joys were happily shared. She was a good true wife.

"As a mother, she lived for her children. Their problems were her problems; their lives were her life; and their happiness, her happiness. She was a companion to them, always soliciting their confidence and giving them counsel and motherly advice which would enable them to make the most of their talents and enjoy life.

"As a Christian, the world in which she lived can attest to her fidelity and loyalty to Christ, who

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## AUNT ROXIE SAYS—



Ez long ez men been runnin' fool killin' machines deys a rite good sprinklin' o' dem left yit.

## Fur Flies in Mitchell Trial



Top photo shows Col. William E. Mitchell and men defending him in Court Martial trial. Left to right, Col. H. A. White, Military Attorney, Col. Mitchell; Rep. Reid, Attorney; and Judge F. G. Plain, associate counsel.

Lower photo shows army officers leading prosecution. Col. Sherman Moreland, Judge Advocate General of U. S. Army and Lieut. Col. Joseph L. McMullin, his assistant, who seek to muzzle the fiery exponent of free speech.

## Several Hundred World War Veterans Hear Ross At Clayton

Clayton, Nov. 11.—Representative citizenship from all parts of Johnston county gathered in Clayton today to take part in the county-wide observance of Armistice Day. While there was no general holiday proclaimed there was an outpouring of the town people which helped to swell the crowd that gathered about the streets awaiting the opening of the program.

## Baptist Pastors Hold Conference

The Johnston conference of Baptist pastors met in the Smithfield Baptist church Monday morning with a full attendance. The program for the day consisted mainly in a discussion of the greatest needs of the churches of the association, each pastor making a talk on the needs as they appealed to him. The discussion was considered very interesting and profitable.

The main item of business to come before the conference was that of taking steps to raise the salaries of two associational workers as authorized by the recent session of the Johnston association. One of these is a specialist in Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work for all her time, Miss Gladys H. Beck having filled that position since last March, and having been engaged to continue the work this year. The other is to give her time for six months of the year to developing the work of the women's missionary societies of the churches. It will cost the other half of the salaries to be paid out of general funds of the denomination. Miss Beck is already in the field, and the other worker will be engaged as soon as possible. The executive committee of the association met Monday afternoon and approved the recommendation of the pastors that each of the 45 churches of the association be asked to contribute to the fund for the support of these workers in proportion to membership.

## KIWANIS CLUB ENTERTAINS VETERANS

Benson, Nov. 12.—The Kiwanis Club invited all ex-soldiers to the Kiwanis luncheon on Tuesday evening at the North State Hotel.

Dr. W. T. Martin made the address of welcome. The response was given by Supt. H. C. Renegar, Dr. A. S. Oliver, president of the club, spoke on "What the American Legion Stands For." Butler Olive made a talk on "How the Kiwanis Club Can Help the American Legion." Interesting talks were made also by P. B. Johnson, W. R. Strickland, H. B. Graham and B. B. Hodges. Several patriotic songs were led by Mrs. Jesse T. Morgan. The dining room of the hotel was appropriately decorated for the occasion. Kiwanian R. C. Wells was in charge of the after dinner program.

## COTTON REPORT ON NOVEMBER 1

Ginnings in North Carolina 31,000 Bales More Than Total Crop Last Year.

## THE NATION'S CROP

Raleigh, Nov. 10.—Farmers reports on November 1st indicated a cotton crop of 1,080,000 five hundred pounds gross weight bales for North Carolina. This is 40,000 bales less than the reports indicated October 18, and 70,000 less than was expected October 1.

856,000 bales or 70.2 per cent of the crop had been ginned to November 1, leaving 224,000 bales to be ginned from this year's crop. Last year only 45.3 per cent of the crop had been ginned to November 1. The ginnings to date this year are 31,000 bales more than the total crop produced last year.

Conditions responsible for the reduction in the prospect for the crop were principally weather influences, consisting of early frosts and recent heavy rains. Heavy frosts occurring during the latter half of October killed a majority of the cotton plants, leaving very few to mature any late opening bolls. Heavy rains have done some damage to the quality of the open cotton still unpicker by either beating it out on the ground or causing it to stain on the plant. The rains have hindered the picking to a great extent also, and a large quantity of open cotton is observed in the fields at this time. It is quite possible that 8 per cent of the crop has been exposed to damaging weather and from 2 to 1 per cent of this may show weather damage.

While both plants and bolls have averaged smaller than usual, cotton has been unusually well fruited this season. The yield per acre according to farmers estimates is about 242 pounds of lint compared with 196 pounds produced last year. The acreage under cultivation in the state, allowing about 2 per cent for possible abandonment is 2,139,000 acres.

## THE NATION'S CROP

The total crop indicated for the United States is 15,386,000 bales or 166,700 bales more than was expected October 18. A yield per acre of 164.4 pounds is 1.7 pounds better than the October 18 report and 9 pounds more than the final yield of last year.

The increased prospect of November 1 is due to the continued reports from farmers that they are picking more cotton than they thought existed. During the drought in the early part of the summer it looked as though plants would not be able to survive, but they responded to the late rains in a way that had been believed to be impossible. The drought and heat held down the expected damage from weevils and other insects.

The heavy rains occurring through the cotton belt during late October resulted in considerable damage to the quality of the unpicker cotton. Although this year's total production is larger than that of last year, it may develop that the quantity of the grades above middling this year will be less than last season.

## NEW YORKER DELIGHTED WITH SELMA SCHOOLS

Selma, Nov. 12.—Mrs. Jas. H. Parker of New York City, was in the city last week on a visit to Mrs. John H. Parker, Mrs. J. P. Temple, Miss Mary Evelyn Parker and other relatives. Mrs. Parker is the widow of the late James H. Parker who was born and reared in Johnston county, and spent his early manhood in Selma, from where he moved to New York City and amassed a fortune. Mrs. Parker has large holdings in and near Hendersonville. While in Selma she visited the schools and was warm in her praise of the buildings, management and spacious grounds.

The barbecue dinner which was fine. Smithfield was selected as the place for holding the meeting in November 11, 1925.

## Several Cases In Recorder's Court

A Number Arraigned Before Court For Violating Prohibition Laws.

In the Recorder's Court here Tuesday, November 10, the following cases were disposed of, to-wit:

Will Hodges, a white man from Benson, pleaded guilty to violating the prohibition laws. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

Jesse Warren, a negro from Benson, was found guilty of larceny. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

James Hines, a negro from near Kenly, was convicted of larceny, and a four months' jail sentence was imposed. This sentence was left subject to a change.

Booker Sutton, a Wendell negro, was convicted on two charges, carrying concealed weapon and violating the prohibition laws. A fine of \$75 was imposed for the first charge, and in the other prayer for judgment was continued during the good behavior of the defendant. Defendant was also taxed with the costs of the action.

Windsor Richardson, a negro of Pine Level, was delivered to the court under a capias for failure to pay costs in a former action in which he had been convicted. Upon answering that he was not able to pay the costs he was committed to jail to be worked on the county roads for a term of sixty days.

Sonnie Crowder, a young white man of Clayton, was in court with a catalogue of charges. On a charge of assault he was convicted and prayer for judgment was continued upon condition that he pay \$75 to court for repairs on property which he had damaged. On a charge of reckless driving he was found guilty. In this instance prayer for judgment was continued. Upon conviction of a charge of driving a car while drunk, prayer for judgment was continued on the condition that defendant shall not operate a car in North Carolina during the next twelve months. This defendant was also taxed with the costs of the several actions.

T. T. Woodall, white of Benson, was convicted on a charge of assault with deadly weapon. He was required to pay a fine of \$200, out of which the prosecuting witness, A. C. Reardon, was to receive enough to pay a doctor's bill for treatment for injuries inflicted on him by the defendant. The cost of the action was also taxed against the defendant.

Jim Smith, a negro from Raeford, was recently arrested here for violating the prohibition laws. He was found guilty and prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of costs.

George Raynor, a colored man who had been celebrating too heavily during the colored fair week here, faced a whole stack of charges—violating the prohibition laws, carrying a pistol, and resisting an officer being among the charges. The aggregate sentences amounted to a fine of \$50 and costs and a jail sentence of four months suspended during good behavior.

Berkley Hamilton and Shely O'Neal, negroes, had been arrested in a barber shop in Benson for having liquor in their possession. They were both found guilty. Hamilton was fined \$25 and his part of the costs, and O'Neal was fined \$10 and costs. The fine against O'Neal was later remitted.

## HOME OF A. P. HALES DESTROYED BY FIRE

Kenly, Nov. 10.—Last night shortly after midnight the home of Mr. A. P. Hales, local saw mill foreman, was completely destroyed by fire before the local fire department was able to reach the scene. Nearly every thing in the building was totally ruined only a few things being saved. Nearby homes were saved by hard fighting on the part of firemen and citizens. The fire was the first here in about a year.

A cable capable of taking 500 words a minute will be laid between New York and Penance,

## BENSON CHURCH WAS DEDICATED

Sunday A Red Letter Day For Benson Methodists; Bishop Denny Preached Sermon.

## SPLENDID PROGRAM

Benson, Nov. 12.—Last Sunday was a red-letter day for the Methodist people here when their beautiful new \$45,000 church was formally dedicated with a most appropriate and elaborate service.

Bishop Collins Denny preached a great sermon based on the story of the love and devotion of Mary Magdalene for her Lord. The Bishop must have been at his best. From the very first line of the scripture lesson taken from John 20:1-18, which was read from memory, through to the conclusion of his sermon of an hour and ten minutes he held the undivided attention of the great congregation which crowded the large church and Sunday school auditorium to their full capacity.

A splendid musical program had been prepared under the direction of Mrs. W. R. Strickland including "Praise Ye the Lord" by C. Harold Lowden and "O Worship the King" by John S. Witty. "Come Ye Blessed" by John Pyralde Scott was impressively sung by Mrs. E. M. Hall of Zebulon.

The former pastors were present and participated in the services. Rev. E. M. Hall of Zebulon, announced and read the dedication hymn and Rev. J. T. Stanford, of Winfall, led the opening prayer. Many other "out-of-town" guests were present to witness the ceremonies and to hear the sermon by Bishop Denny.

Rev. J. E. Blalock, the present pastor, was master of ceremonies and had every detail of the service so well planned that the entire program was carried out in the most beautiful and impressive manner.

As a setting for the elaborate affair the church was tastefully decorated with a profusion of chrysanthemums, ferns, autumn leaves and roses. The exceptionally large and beautiful chrysanthemums were grown by Mrs. Ezra Parker, a member of the church, and were donated by her for the occasion.

Presentation of the church for dedication was formally made by the official board of the church which is composed of Messrs. C. T. Johnson, Chas. Johnson, Ezra Parker, Jas. E. Wilson, W. R. Donning, Wade H. Royall, and Walter R. Strickland. The dedication sentence was pronounced by Bishop Denny after which he led in the dedication prayer.

The services were appropriately concluded by singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" by the congregation and the benediction by Bishop Denny.

## UNREGULATED BRIGHT HEAD LIGHTS ON CARS

One of the greatest nuisances on the highways of North Carolina—unregulated bright head lights—can be alleviated to some extent if every car driver will see that his own lights are properly adjusted so as not to throw a beam above 42 inches at 75 feet. A dirty windshield with dust or rain spots adds greatly to the glare of the lights of an oncoming car. Keep your windshield clean and your head lights properly adjusted and you will see that the glare of the other fellow's car is somewhat reduced.

## Gin Report

There were 56,570 bales of cotton ginned in Johnston county from the crop of 1925 prior to Nov. 1, 1925, as compared with 25,213 bales ginned to Nov. 1, 1924.

E. C. HOLLAND, Gin Reporter.

## Volunteer Class Meets

The Volunteer class of the Methodist Sunday school held a business and social meeting Wednesday evening after prayer meeting at the home of the teacher, Mrs. T. L. H. Young. After the business was disposed of tea and waffles were served.

## Barn Destroyed By Fire

The fire siren called the fire department out Wednesday evening about ten o'clock a barn near the Episcopal church was found to be on fire. For a few moments the blaze was spectacular but the fire was confined to the one building which burned to the ground.

## Durham Jury Will Try Wyatt For Killing Holt

NAMES OF VENIRE TO TRY JESSE WYATT

Durham, Nov. 10.—Fifty men of Durham, city and county, were drawn as a special venire to try Jesse Wyatt, former Raleigh police captain, for the killing of Stephen S. Holt, Smithfield lawyer. Forty of the fifty men drawn from the jury box tonight are from Durham township. H. F. Hedrick and W. J. Brogden, Durham lawyers, appeared with Solicitor Evans to represent the State at the drawing of the jury. Judge Lloyd Horton, James H. Pou, and W. B. Jones and J. Wilbur Bunn, of Raleigh, represented the defense. The venire was drawn tonight upon order of Judge Midyette and will be summoned Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The jury drawn tonight represents many vocations. Among the men drawn are grocers, real estate men, farmers, merchants and mill workers. Three names had to be thrown out because of removal from the county. The jury is made up of the following men:

Hubert Riggsbee, R. E. Hurst, E. H. Copeley, Lon Harper, L. W. Powell, J. B. Ball, E. O. Britt, Sycho Pickett, W. H. Crabtree, J. O. Oakley, M. J. Latta, W. A. Lyon, D. M. C. Tilley Henry Henderson, J. E. Conway, C. H. Conklin, John L. K. Hayes, P. H. Raxter, E. L. Moore, D. R. Bruce, M. R. Parrish, L. O. Hilliard, J. L. Langley, James E. Suitt, Charlie C. Holloway, W. E. Shambley, L. L. Little, W. R. Murray, J. D. Bobbitt, J. M. Taylor, M. Shepherd, J. W. Burroughs, B. L. Copeley, Lester Ryals, A. M. Vaughn, F. O. Barbour, D. E. Tilley, F. A. Carroll, D. R. Taylor, O. O. Holloway, J. F. Davis, F. E. Page, J. R. Rich, J. Henry Evans, E. L. Hucketh, K. R. Mangum, Joe Hester, A. J. Tilley James A. Plintom and Lonnie C. Garrett.

## Lawyers For Wyatt Fight Venire Granted by In Vigorous Fashion, Judge Midyette Upon Motion of Solicitor Evans.

Fifty men were summoned from Durham county from whom was chosen a jury to try Jesse Wyatt, former captain of detectives of the Raleigh police force, when he was arraigned in Wake County Superior Court yesterday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, on the charge of killing Stephen S. Holt, of this city. The motion to secure a jury for the trial of Wyatt was made by Solicitor Evans and came as a surprise to the lawyers for Wyatt. The motion was strenuously contested, Wyatt's attorneys making much of the contention that the newspapers of Raleigh had been unfavorable to Wyatt.

The following account in part of the proceedings of the case appeared in the News and Observer of Wednesday, Nov. 11th.

Judge Garland E. Midyette granted the motion of Solicitor Evans after hearing extended arguments by lawyers on both sides of the case and following the reading of affidavits by Chief of Police J. Winder Bryan, Sheriff D. Bryant Harrison, and a half dozen leading Raleigh bankers and business men to the effect that the defendant could in their opinion get a fair trial with a Wake county jury. Comment was also offered by them to unfavorable newspaper comment to combat the contention of the State that propaganda was being circulated favorable to Wyatt. No newspapers were named.

Solicitor Evans filed with his motion for a change of venire an affidavit in which he averred that the State could not get a fair trial with a Wake county jury because of the organized campaign of propaganda that had been carried on by officials of county and city. The Solicitor alleged that Chief of Police J. Winder Bryan and his force of 50 policemen have used their wide influence to build sentiment favorable to Wyatt, who was such an integral part of the county and city government, that it was impossible to divorce the interests of the two.

Ed S. Abell, of Smithfield, joined Solicitor Evans in pressing the request for a change of venire, declaring that it would manifestly be unfair to secure a jury from Johnston county and quite as unfair to secure a jury from Wake county.

## Scout Executive Talks to Mothers

Explains Boy Scout Movement and How Parents May Be of Help.

Monday evening a dozen or more mothers of Boy Scouts in Smithfield heard Scout Executive W. W. Rivers talk on the scout movement in this city. The meeting was held in the basement of the Methodist church, the regular meeting place of Troop No. 2. Mr. Rivers told about the duty of scouts, the scout oath, scout laws, and what they mean. He spoke of a boy's duty to home, church and country. He dwelt particularly upon how parents can help. The adolescent boy and girl pass through a restless stage of life and it is during this period that crime nearly always has its beginning. The training in the home, said Mr. Rivers, has its influence along this line. The home trains either for good citizenship or lack of training may be responsible for petty crimes.

Scout Rivers is particularly interested in what the boys and girls read. Most of the literature on the market for children has been written by people of mature age. Much of it is unfit for any child to read. A certain class of magazines, he said, should not be allowed on the newsstands. There is a law against it and it is the duty of parents to guard against the sale of such debasing literature. It is a compliment to Smithfield that he found none of this type on sale here.

Mr. Rivers closed his remarks by appealing to mothers to stand by organizations that are striving to help their children.

## Defense Fights Motion

The motion for a change of venire was resisted by counsel for Wyatt and this resulted in the matter going over until yesterday afternoon in order to present affidavits opposing the change. Judge J. Lloyd Horton declared that it was a reflection on the citizens of Wake county to suggest such a thing and that it likewise reflected on the integrity of the 25 veniremen who had been summoned to report yesterday.

When the motion of the morning was called up James H. Pou led off with the reading of the affidavit by J. Winder Bryan, who entered a flat denial that he had tried to create public sentiment in favor of Wyatt but had only undertaken to some degree to dam the flood of propaganda let loose against Wyatt as a result of the killing of Holt, which was the result of an accident, according to the affidavit.

## Says Killing Accident.

The affidavit of Bryan went on to describe with particularity how the shooting of Holt occurred, it being alleged that Wyatt fired with the aim of stopping a car in front that was suspected of being a liquor car. This has been attempted, it was declared, by firing toward the pavement with the result that the bullet was deflected from some unknown cause and struck Mr. Holt.

## The Chief of Police of Raleigh

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