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DEATH CLAIMS A GOOD CITIZEN

Mr. W. H. Byrd Passes At His Home Here After Lingering Illness of 28 Months.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY

The fifty-third birthday of Mr. W. H. Byrd of this city marked the end of his earthly career. At five-thirty Wednesday morning the stern Reaper gathered home all that is eternal of one of Smithfield's good citizens for more than a score of years.

For twenty-eight months Mr. Byrd had fought a losing fight with the great white plague, and his death Wednesday though severing home ties of affection, was not unexpected. When an examination more than two years ago revealed the ravages of disease, Mr. Byrd went to Ridge Top, Tenn., in search of health. Later he removed to Southern Pines, but finally his wife, who was his constant companion in all of his affliction, brought him home to spend his last days.

The deceased was a native of Harnett county having been born near Aversboro on December 2, 1872. He married Miss Mary Parker of Dunn. Twenty-three years ago they moved to Smithfield and have made their home here since that time. Besides his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Wallace Francis, and a son, Mr. Alger Byrd, both of this city, survive. One sister also survives, Mrs. J. A. Blalock of Miami, Fla.

The funeral was held at the home on Oakland Heights yesterday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock. Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of the Methodist church of which the deceased was a member, conducted the services assisted by Rev. S. L. Morgan, pastor of the Baptist church. Interment was made in Oakland cemetery. A profusion of lovely floral offerings attested the esteem in which the deceased and his family were held.

MICRO BEATS FOUR OAKS HIGH 24 TO 9

Micro, Dec. 3.—Micro defeated Four Oaks high in a well played basketball game recently to the tune of 24 to 9. Feature of the game was the good playing of the Micro five.

Micro is putting out a good team and challenges any team in the county for a game.

SMALL FIRE AT HOME OF MR. N. L. PERKINS

The fire company was called out about 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning when it was found that a fire had started under a hearth at the home of Mr. N. L. Perkins. The fire was soon located and extinguished with little damage to the house.

In rushing to the scene over muddy, slick streets, owing to the recent rains, the fire truck swerved at one of the street corners and a wheel was smashed. No serious damage was reported and no one was hurt.

Presbyterian Services
Preaching Smithfield Presbyterian church Sunday 11 a. m. No night service. Sunday school at 9:50 a. m.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Me—

I sho made a impresshun today when I walked up street and stepped on sum sof seement.

BARON ADELSWAERD



Baron Theodor Adelswaerd, former minister of finance of Sweden, was president of the council of the inter-parliamentary union, which met recently in Washington.

Fix The Date For Poor Fund Drive

Wednesday, Dec. 9, Is Designated by Welfare Ass'n. Of This City.

The United Welfare Association of Smithfield, in accordance with authority delegated by the mass meeting at the courthouse Sunday evening, has designated Wednesday, December 9, as the day when the canvass for the Community Chest shall be made. The goal is \$1200 and the Association believes this amount to be a minimum of what will be required to take care of the charity work in and around Smithfield during the next twelve months.

A committee was appointed at a meeting of the Welfare Association Monday night to select the workers to canvass the town which will be divided into districts for the convenience of the canvassers. This committee included the president, Miss Mattie Pou, Mrs. J. J. Broadhurst, Mr. J. D. Spiers and Rev. S. L. Morgan. Their plan for the drive will be announced later.

The Association expects to be somewhat more formal in its work during the coming year and desires a full representation of the various organizations in town that do charity work of any kind. Such a representation would include the doctors, ministers, welfare department of the county, civic organizations, Sunday school classes, women's church organizations, the churches and fraternal orders. A strict account of all receipts and expenditures will be kept and from time to time the secretary who will dispense the fund, Mr. H. V. Rose, former county welfare superintendent, will give to the public facts about what is being done.

GERMAN RAILWAYS TO SEEK U. S. LOAN

New York, Dec. 2.—Prospects that at \$100,000,000 bond issue for the German railways will be sold in the United States early next year were discussed in financial circles today in connection with reports that such a plan would be devised to speed up Germany's reparations payments.

Until such action has been authorized by the reparation commission, international banks said that negotiations for a loan could not be opened although they pointed out that under the Dawes plan Germany could fulfill her reparations obligations in this way. It was reported in Wall street that S. Parker Gilbert, agent general of reparations, might visit New York to discuss the possibility of the loan.—Associated Press.

Turkey Supper at Kenly
There will be a turkey and oyster supper in the vacant building next to Kirby's drug store on Saturday evening given by the Missionary society of the Baptist church. Everybody come and enjoy a good supper.

Industrial Tour 4 Days In Jan.

First Such Tour Ever Attempted In Eastern Carolina To Begin Jan. 12.

Kinston, Dec. 3.—The first real Industrial Tour ever attempted, as a section, in Eastern Carolina, is set to begin January 12th and run four days. This movement is being sponsored by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, with headquarters at Kinston. The purpose of the tour, as stated by officials of the organization, is to acquaint the people of Eastern North Carolina with the great industrial section of Piedmont North Carolina. It will be an educational trip, pure and simple, according to the announcement coming out from headquarters.

The trip will begin Tuesday morning, January 12th and will end Friday afternoon or night. The towns to be visited will probably include Raleigh, Durham, Burlington, Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Salisbury, Rockingham, and other points of interest. Eastern North Carolina is beginning to think as never before in industrial terms. It is the belief of those who have given the matter more or less thought, that there is room in Eastern North Carolina for scores of industries more than there are here. "While the industries are moving Southward, we want to get our share," Secretary Bartlett stated recently in a meeting at Benson. Two things we need now, Bartlett continued, are Publicity and Power. Both are within our reach. The mere fact that capital is interested in developing our power resources, makes it easy to see that there are real possibilities ahead. This industrial tour will give our people an opportunity, according to the officials of the sectional organization, to make investigations for themselves along industrial lines. Towns that are interested in making this trip may get all the information by writing to the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

The child who plays well is apt to study and work well. The child who plays poorly, feebly, sadly, or timidly should be watched for physical, mental or moral decay. "One of the best ways to conserve the welfare of boys and girls and keep them out of courts, prisons, hospitals and reform schools is to show them how to play and help them to do it right. This fact should be made known to all parents, teachers, ministers, doctors, police, detention and probation officers. The money we spend on prisons should be spent mostly on playgrounds. The prisons would hardly be needed if the playground was operated.

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Heavy Storm On The Florida Coast

West Coast Swept by Gale —Miami Streets Flooded By Heavy Downpour

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 1.—Windlashed and rain-soaked Tampa and other cities along the west coast of Florida tonight were shaking off the effects of a 52-mile wind and rainstorm which swept this section early today. The Weather Bureau here described the storm as "phenomenal" and the worst winter season blast in 36 years.

A twenty-mile wind and a drizzle of rain were sweeping Tampa's streets and out in the Gulf steamers were reporting to local wireless stations that stiff breezes were causing a high running sea.

The toll from the storm in Tampa stood tonight at five known dead, four missing and eighteen seriously injured in hospitals. All of the dead, missing and injured were said to be negroes.

The total amount of damage to property along the west coast could not be estimated early tonight, officials said. Conservative citizens say it would reach well into a million dollars.

Communications with all important points had been established tonight. Lakeland, Clearwater, St. Petersburg, Bradenton, Sebring, Avon Park, Sarasota, Fort Myers, and other cities reported damage by wind.—Associated Press.

Miami, Nov. 30.—Miami, drenched and dripping, resumed her interrupted labors late today, after the most devastating rainfall in her history.

The downpour established a new record for a single day's rainfall here, with a precipitation of 14.1 inches, according to United States Weather Observer Richard W. Gray here. This new mark bet— (Turn to page five, please)

DONATE FUNDS FOR SELMA PLAYGROUND

Selma Woman's Club Gives \$150 For School Playground Equipment

Selma, Dec. 1.—The Selma Woman's club held its regular monthly meeting at the graded school building last week. It was one of the most delightful and enthusiastic meetings ever held by this club. An Art program, presided over by Miss Margaret Ethridge, was much enjoyed. It had been previously announced that Miss Branham and her domestic science class would display their skill in the culinary art, which they did, serving an appetizing salad course and coffee followed by Deville's food cake topped with whipped cream. A rising vote of thanks was tendered them.

The climax of the occasion came when the Woman's club announced it would give \$450 toward playground equipment, this added to \$100 previously donated by Mrs. Geo. F. Brietz will bring the amount on hand up in the neighborhood of eight hundred dollars. Supt. Waters thinks this a very fair beginning and will purchase and have installed as the earliest possible moment whatever he deems best.

The Woman's club could hardly have done a finer thing. The interest of the whole community centers around our splendid school and spacious grounds, where the young life spends so large a part of its time. Quoting from a recent magazine article, "We are beginning to learn that the amusement of a child is a large factor in his advancement. A complete education must include recreation. Furthermore, the art of play should precede the science of study or work.

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"These amusement reserves include parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, golf courses, baseball diamonds, polo grounds, tennis courts, football fields, bridge paths, swimming pools, wading pools, flower gardens, art galleries and zoo.

"Experts in the varied activities teach the children how to exercise and play, and have organized 140 baseball teams, 56 football squads and 52 soccer teams, all composed of boys and girls under sixteen. The main recreation park offers a bountiful array of amusement devices that children love. On becoming a member of the playground and recreation colony, each child signs a pledge card promising not to play in the streets, nor steal a ride on the back of any vehicle, nor do other equally dangerous things, but always to choose a safe place for play—the community playground.

"We come to the point. What has all this to do with character building? How does it prevent juvenile crime, delinquency and disorder?" "Official statements are the answer. The mayor of Memphis declares that not a boy, or girl, was taken into the juvenile court last year from the neighborhood where there is a playground.

"The right sort of play keeps children, and grownups too, out of mischief. Crime is largely a case of undirected, misdirected or misapplied energy. Play, being the one supreme exercise of mind, muscle and emotion together, provides the natural outlet of self-expression for children of all ages. To play better is to do better and be better. Why could not every child follow the lead of Memphis and every parent learn to apply the same principles?" (Turn to page four, please)

DR. CHASE WILL MAKE ADDRESS

State University President To Speak at Court House Here Next Wednesday Night.

ALUMNI IN COUNTY

One hundred thirty-three alumni of the State University from Johnston county together with any and all other citizens of the county will have the unusual privilege of hearing Dr. H. W. Chase, president of the University, deliver an address at the courthouse here next Wednesday night at seven-thirty o'clock.

A telephone message from Chapel Hill yesterday made a special request that all the alumni in the county meet Dr. Chase here and hear the special message he has for them. His address will deal with plans for the State University to serve the public through the alumni, and will be of interest not only to the former students but to the public as well.

It is quite likely that Chief Justice W. P. Stacy, who is president of the State Alumni Association, will accompany Dr. Chase here. Definite announcement will be made later in regard to his coming.

Plans Ready For Near East Relief

Young People To Make Canvass In Interest of Golden Rule Sunday.

Judge F. H. Brooks, County Chairman of Near East Relief, announces that plans are under way to make Johnston county the Golden Rule County of America. The Near East Relief, a charitable organization chartered by Congress to minister to the refugees and orphans of Bible Lands has named Sunday, December 6, as Golden Rule Sunday. On this day the American people have been asked to eat a simple meal and make an offering to Near East Relief, so that it will help to support the 30,000 children under their care in Greece, Armenia, Syria and Palestine. "To do for these children what you would like some one to do for your children if they were destitute in the world," is the appeal of Golden Rule Sunday.

The Young People Societies, Epworth League, B. Y. P. U. and Christian Endeavor are helping in the work throughout the county. In Clayton the young people are to make a canvass of the town leaving a pamphlet explaining the idea of Golden Rule Sunday and leaving an envelope for the offering of the family to the orphans. Selma, Smithfield, Wilson's Mills, and Kenly, have their plans underway and the organizers will get the other towns of the county lined up for the drive before Friday.

This envelope with the name of the family and the offering enclosed is to be taken to church on the following Sunday December 13, and the treasurer will mail it to Carl Gordon at the Farmers Bank and Trust company who has agreed to serve as county treasurer of Near East Relief.

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Fatally Injured Dies At Hospital

Jas. Woodard Succumbs to Gunshot Wounds Received Last Week.

James Woodard, who was shot on Thanksgiving day by a neighbor boy, Gaston Oliver, died as a result of the wounds at the Smithfield Memorial hospital Wednesday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock. Although he had apparently improved slightly during the week following the fatal shooting, he lingered longer than was expected when the injuries were first examined. The body was carried to the home of his father, Mr. Robert Woodard, near Pine Level Wednesday night and interment took place in the family cemetery yesterday. He was fifteen years old.

The shooting took place on November 26 when James, along with several other boys, was playing in the road in front of the home of Mr. Thompson near Pine Level. It is said that the boys had been wrestling. After they had stopped, Gaston Oliver took a shot gun from another boy and shot James Woodard. Oliver claims, however, that the shooting was accidental, that he had no intention of firing the gun. He was brought here to jail to await the outcome of the shooting. He will be given a preliminary hearing when it will be decided whether or not the act was accidental or intentional. Oliver is the son of Mrs. Tom Oliver and is about sixteen years of age.

KIWANIS PROGRAM TO BE RADIO BROADCAST

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2.—John H. Moss, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, president of Kiwanis International, and James Hamilton Lewis, of Chicago, ex-United States Senator, will be the speakers at the banquet of the Kiwanis Clubs of Chicago at the Rainbow Gardens on Friday evening, December 4, when district governors and chairmen of Kiwanis International committees, who will be attending the Council meeting of International at the Drake hotel, will be guests of this city's clubs.

The program of the evening will be broadcast from station WQJ, 448 meters, and will also be relayed from a number of other stations throughout the country. The speakers are expected to broadcast their addresses about 8 o'clock, central standard time. A reception is scheduled for 6 o'clock, with the banquet starting at 6:30.

It is expected that many Kiwanians will be visiting Chicago during the week. The reduced railroad rates to Chicago because of the annual stock exposition is announced as an incentive for hundreds of Kiwanian visitors in the city.

The mid-winter conference of the Illinois-Eastern Iowa district will also be held on December 4 at the Sherman hotel during the hours of 9 to 5 o'clock. An invitation has been extended to members visiting in Chicago.

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AMERICA CAN RAISE LARGE COTTON CROP

Auburn, Ala., Dec. 2.—Both weevil or boll weevil, the cotton belt of the United States can produce all the fleecy staple the world will consume and pay for at a "living price," in the opinion of Alabama experiment station officials.

This could be accomplished through intelligent use of fertilizer and better varieties of seed, said Professor M. J. Funchess, director, after studying results of experiments extending over a 15-year period.

The added cost necessary to increase production would be small compared with the net returns and it would not be necessary to extend the cotton area, he explained.—Associated Press.

Blind Senator



THIS IS the latest photo of Senator Thomas D. Scholl from Minnesota, who has attained this high post despite the great handicap of blindness.

Eastern Co-ops Will Cut Costs

Close All But Four Markets After The Holidays In Eastern Belt.

Raleigh, Dec. 3.—Every receiving point of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association in Eastern North Carolina except four will close for the season of 1925-1926 on Friday, December 18, according to the announcement made this week by general manager R. K. Patterson of the association.

The four cooperative markets which will continue open after the Christmas holidays to receive tobacco from members of the association are Wendell, Rocky Mount, Goldsboro and Washington.

While the association management announces that this move is being made in the interest of economy and to avoid undue expense where deliveries fail to justify further operation of a market this season, they call attention to the fact that the association receiving points which will be reopened after Christmas are so located that a majority of the Eastern Carolina members can reach them without great inconvenience while they are effecting a very large saving by the closing down of the other markets.

In the meantime members of the association throughout the Eastern Belt are urged so far as possible to complete their deliveries to all the local receiving points which will continue to operate until December 18.

Representative members of the tobacco association from 43 counties of the old belt of North Carolina and Virginia who filled the Masonic Temple at Danville last week in a meeting to determine upon the terms of a new five year contract for orderly marketing and the protection of the price for their tobacco from 1927 to 1931 decided definitely upon a contract calling for 65 per cent of all old belt tobacco and delivery of all tobacco grown upon the land of every signer.

The South Carolina tobacco growers have decided upon a similar contract calling for 65 per cent of the tobacco in their belt and absolute delivery of all tobacco grown upon the lands of signers, to the future association. The dark fired tobacco growers of Virginia have already signed up 7,000,000 pounds of tobacco or 17 per cent of the total production of Virginia dark fired tobacco to a contract calling for 75 per cent of the total crop in their State.

DUKE'S CHARLOTTE HOME TO BE SOLD

Charlotte, Dec. 2.—The J. B. Duke residence in Myers park, one of the show places of Charlotte, and said to be one of the finest residences in North Carolina, will be offered for sale, according to announcement here today. It is understood that the property will be sold at auction, this method having been approved by Mrs. Duke, the widow, and G. G. Allen, of New York, one of the executors of the late power magnate's estate.

Colonel Leroy Springs, of Lancaster, S. C., has been mentioned as a buyer of the property as has J. H. Cutter, wealthy cotton man of this city.

NEEDS HUSBAND FEW MORE DAYS

Wife Who Had Husband In Court For Beating Her Suddenly Remembers She Needs Him to Help Kill Hogs.

OTHER COURT NEWS

The Recorder's court, after a vacation of two weeks, due to the special session of the Superior Court held here in the meantime, resumed operations here on Tuesday. The following cases were disposed of:

George Childers, a white man living at the Ivanhoe mill village near Smithfield, was in court charged with wife beating and failing to provide support for the family. His wife, Alice Childers, told a harrowing tale on the witness stand of how she had been beaten by her husband at times when he was drunk. Her plea to the court was for relief by separation from such a man as her George is. Acting upon her requests the court gave her husband a four months jail sentence. As the jailer was escorting George along toward his cell, Alice happened to think that on tomorrow she wanted to kill hogs; so she besought the court to allow R. Patterson of the association.

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