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SMITHFIELD NEEDS:

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

Know Your County

Do you know that Johnston, Wilson and Pitt counties raised more produce per acre in 1922 than any like area in the United States?

Recorder's Court Takes Two Days

Variety of Offences Make Up The Docket Before Judge Parker.

It took both Tuesday and Wednesday of this week for the Recorder's Court to dispose of the criminal cases that had been docketed since the court last met. The following cases were disposed of during the two days:

Willie Lee, Elton Johnson, and Erbie Strickland, of Clayton, were charged with trespass. They entered a plea of guilty, and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of cost.

Ransie Lee, white man of Four Oaks, was charged with violating the prohibition laws. He entered a plea of guilty, and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of cost.

Cleveland Jiles, a negro from Pine Level, was charged with assault with deadly weapon, and was found guilty. He was sentenced to do 90 days on the roads of Johnston county or pay a fine of \$75 and cost.

Coy Smith, a white man of Micro, plead guilty to a charge of simple trespass, and prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of costs.

Calvin Lassiter, a white man of Elevation township, was tried and found guilty of the charge of cruelty to animals. The court required this defendant to pay \$16 to S. A. Lassiter as damage done to some turkeys. The defendant took an appeal to the superior court and was required to give a \$100 bond.

Gray B. Jones, charged with disposing of mortgaged property, was found guilty and given a 90 day road sentence. He took an appeal to the superior court. This defendant is a white man from Princeton.

Buck Pollard and Frank Pollard, white men of Clayton, were found guilty of the charge of larceny. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

Walter Peterson, of Smithfield, entered a plea of guilty on a charge of assault. He was discharged upon payment of costs.

E. E. Jernigan, a white man of Benson, was charged with assault and drunkenness. On the count of assault the State took a nol pros. He was found guilty as to disorderly conduct and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

The State took a nol pros in the case of State vs. Alvin Crumpler charged with disposing of mortgaged property.

John Dave Phillips, a young man of Banner township, was in court on a charge of the seduction of a young girl in Ingrams township. After some consultation among the State and their attorneys the case accepted a charge of trespassing and defendant was discharged upon payment of costs.

Seth Cooley, a negro, was charged with larceny. He was tried and acquitted. The State took a nol pros against this defendant and Fred Moxingo on a charge of violating the prohibition laws.

Albert Stencil, a sojourner here from Asheville, was charged with abandonment. The evidence looked thin and the State took a nol pros, dividing the cost between the defendant and the prosecuting witness.

Alvin Cooley was found guilty of larceny and sentenced to 60 days on the roads.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS--

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Bein' sick is lak bein' purty-- hit spiles so many people ter know it.

Cured Meat Exhibit At State Fair



Most of the first premiums and a large number of second ribbons offered at the first state-wide cured meat show held at the state fair in October, were won by G. B. Smith, of Smithfield, Route 1. This photograph shows some of the entries at this show. An article by Prof. L. H. McKay which we published last week gives the methods used by Mr. Smith in the successful curing of his meat.

Opening Sermon Begins Term On Of The Revival County Roads

Rev. A. J. Parker's Subject: The Greatest Hindrance to Christianity.

Arrangements for the revival that begins at the Methodist church Sunday morning are about complete. At eleven o'clock Rev. A. J. Parker will deliver his first sermon of the revival. The subject will be "The Greatest Hindrance to Christianity." At the seven o'clock service in the evening the subject will be, "How to Get There."

The evangelistic singer, Rev. J. C. Costen, of Hendersonville, will be in charge of the music. Mr. Costen is a sweet singer and will from time to time render solos to the delight of all. He will work in connection with Miss Frances White and her choir which assures good music at every service. Through the week a special song service will precede the evening sermon.

The pastors of all the churches in the city, their congregations and the laymen's federation are most cordially invited to be present and take part in all these services.

The hour for the day service will be announced later. This is an opportunity for all to work together and make for a great meetin'.

Mr. Johnson Robbed of \$336

Mr. P. W. Barber, of Cleveland township, was in the city this week and told us of a robbery which took place Monday night when Mr. Atlas Johnson was relieved of \$336.00 in cash. Mr. Johnson, who is about sixty years of age, lives alone. Early Monday night two colored men threw a blanket over his head took his money away from him and beat him up slightly. At this writing the robbers have not been apprehended.

Thawing Water Pipes

The middle of a frozen pipe should never be thawed first, says the United States Department of Agriculture, because expansion of the water confined by ice on both sides may burst pipe. When thawing a water pipe, work toward the supply, opening a faucet to show when the flow starts. When thawing a waste or sewer pipe, work upward from the lower end to permit the water to drain away.

Applying boiling water or hot cloths to a frozen pipe is simple and effective. Where there is no danger of fire, a torch or burning newspaper run back and forth along the frozen pipes gives quick results. Underground or otherwise inaccessible pipes may be thawed by opening the frozen pipe on the house end, inserting a small pipe or tube, and with the aid of a funnel at the other end of this small pipe, pouring boiling water into it, pushing it forward as the ice melts. More thaw pipe should be added at the outer end until a passage is made through the ice, when the thaw pipe should be quickly withdrawn.

Mrs. J. W. Byrd Claimed By Death

Dies At Her Home Near Bunn's Level; Daughter of Mr. W. B. Hobbs.

Mrs. J. C. Byrd passed away at her home near Fonville in Harnett county Sunday morning at 12:30 o'clock after an illness of a few days. Although her health had been failing for several years, she was not seriously ill until about a week before her death.

Mrs. Byrd was before her marriage Miss Linnie Hobbs. She was the oldest daughter of Mr. W. B. Hobbs, who lives near town. In October, 1907, she married Mr. J. C. Byrd of Harnett county, and to this union were born nine children who survive her. She was thirty-eight years of age. For years she had been a consistent member of the Presbyterian church and the beautiful Christian life she lived had won the admiration and esteem of all who knew her. From a child her kind and genial disposition had endeared her to all with whom she came in contact.

The funeral service was conducted at the home by her pastor, Rev. C. M. Gibbs, assisted by Rev. A. R. McQueen, pastor of Dunn Presbyterian church, Rev. J. A. Campbell, of Buie's Creek Academy, and Rev. J. F. Menius, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Lillington. Interment was made in the cemetery at Bunn's Level near the home. The funeral was one of the most largely attended ever held in Harnett county, many being present from Dunn, Lillington, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Smithfield and other distant places. The floral offerings were unusually large and beautiful, showing in a measure the high esteem in which the deceased was held by her acquaintances. The pall bearers were Messrs. J. W. Jordan, Geo. K. Grantham, Sr., Duff Parker, J. M. Shaw, C. M. Allen, Hal V. Worth and Will Coleman.

The deceased is survived by her husband and nine children, also by her father, Mr. W. B. Hobbs, three brothers, Messrs. J. A., W. M., and J. W. Hobbs, and one sister, Miss Pearl Hobbs, who live near here.

News of her passing brought sorrow to numbers of friends throughout the state.

VAUDEVILLE STAGED IN SERVICE FOR EXPERIMENT

Erie, Pa., Jan. 4.--AP.--Vaudeville acts will have a place hereafter on the program of Sunday services in the First Baptist church of Erie.

Rev. Oliver Horsman, pastor, has notified his congregation that vaudeville acts and actresses, from an Erie theater, will appear in future during Sunday evening services in the First church.

Last night two acts were intermingled with the church services--the first a violinist, and the second vocalists and instrumentalists.

Explaining his move, the pastor said: "In the past the church has held an attitude of aloofness and condemnation with regard to the stage. I will not say at this time whether that was right or wrong, but I thought a little experiment of co-operation between church and theater might not prove amiss. I hope the congregation of this church will receive the actors and the actresses as human beings like the rest of us."

FIDDLERS CONVENTION AT CORBETT-HATCHER SCHOOL

There will be a fiddler's convention at Corbett-Hatcher school on Friday night, January 15, for the benefit of the school. Musicians and the public are invited to attend. Musicians are admitted free.

The prizes offered are: first prize for violin, \$8.00; second prize for violin, \$4.00; first prize for banjo, \$5.00; first prize for guitar, \$3.00.

Admission 25 and 50 cents.

Presbyterian Services
Preaching Smithfield Presbyterian church Sunday 11 a. m. "The Miracle of the Gospels." Evening service at Oakland church. Christian Endeavor 7 p. m. Public cordially invited.

AN ERRONEOUS REPORT CORRECTED

The account of the marriage of Miss Elsie Barbour and Mr. Page Taylor in our issue of Jan. 1, appears to have been erroneously given to The Herald reporter. Miss Barbour and Mr. Taylor are not married, according to later information.

Smithfield Hi Defeats Selma

The 1923 Smithfield high school basketball team, which won the Eastern Championship during their year reassembled here on the night of Jan. 1st to win a game from the Selma Highs by a score of 35 to 29.

The stars for the locals were Holland and Skinner, both of whom are attending Carolina. Holland is in line for the varsity team at the University this year, and Skinner is showing up well for the freshmen. Holland led the scoring with 18 points.

Stanley for Selma was the shining player for the visitors.

Four Arrests For Robbing Box Cars

Four Men Placed In Jail For Taking Shoes and Other Wearing Apparel

About the 15th of December some box cars on the side tracks near the Smithfield depot were robbed, the principal property taken being shoes and other wearing apparel. At first there appeared to be little or no clue as to the guilty parties. A week later some railroad detectives came here for an investigation. It is reported that their work has been very thorough, and on Tuesday morning of this week four arrests were made. Those arrested were Bernice Narron, Lee Smith, Carl Childers and Ned Smith. All of these men were placed in jail to await a hearing. Some of the ones taken at this haul are old offenders, they having been before the courts here on similar charges prior to this time.

KENLY CLUB TO PRESENT "ROSETIME"

Kenly, Jan. 6.--The Woman's Club of Kenly will present "Rosetime", a musical play in three acts, on Tuesday evening January 12, in the high school auditorium at 8:30 o'clock.

This play has a cast of 26 characters, consisting of the young men and women of Kenly and is directed by Miss Inez Edgerton of the Wayne P. Sewell Producing company, of Atlanta.

Miss Edgerton who is the daughter of Mr. H. F. Edgerton of this city is well known and popular in this section of the state. She has supervised the presentation of this play in several Johnston county towns among which are Benson, Clayton and Selma, and has been most successful in each of these towns.

Rosetime is a musical play of very high type and comes highly recommended. It is full of colorful costumes, pretty girls; good music, catchy songs and produces peals of laughter.

The cast consists of the following:

Rose, Miss Grace Dixon.
Jerry, Mr. Rudolph Kirby.
Ma Perkins, Mrs. Agnes Watson Lenich.
Pa Perkins, Mr. J. M. Woodard.
M'lle Deauxville, Miss Bess McIntyre.

Babe Brunette, Miss Hanna Pearlstone.
J. D. Jones, Mr. Dobin Bailey.
Preps, O'Reilly, Lester Watson.
Percy Peabody, Mr. S. R. Cotton-Squint, Mr. T. E. Gardner.

A chorus group of twenty-four talented voices and extra Rosebud chorus of twelve children.

Friends of Mrs. T. W. LeMay will regret to learn that she is in Rex hospital, Raleigh. She underwent a slight operation there yesterday morning, but is reported to be getting along nicely.

Install Officers Of Junior Order

Oyster Supper and Social Follow Business Meet--Dr. Orr Before Council.

On last Tuesday night Smithfield Council No. 102, Jr. O. U. A. M. staged an enjoyable affair in the nature of an oyster supper and a general social which was participated in by the membership, a large crowd of representative citizens from Wilson's Mills, Selma, Clayton, Raleigh and Durham enjoying the hospitality of the Juniors. "Eats" were plentiful and although Brother P. A. Holland was on hand, there were a number of "dogs" left.

The installation of officers preceded the supper and the following officers were installed for the ensuing year: Councilor, J. H. Wiggins; Vice-Councilor, J. E. Lassiter; Recording Secretary, B. G. Jones; Asst. Rec. Sec. W. E. Gordon; Financial Secretary, H. A. Crumpler; Chaplain, M. A. Wallace; Conductor, N. E. Humphrey; Treasurer, M. A. Wallace; Warden, C. E. Higgins; Inside Sentinel, C. M. Johnson; Outside Sentinel, Wilbert Blackman; Trustee 18 Months, W. T. Holland; Junior Past Councilor, J. W. Stephenson. Dr. W. J. B. Orr appeared before the council in the interest of the Johnston County Hospital. He asked that the order furnish a ward in the new hospital that is rapidly nearing completion. A motion was made and carried without a dissenting vote to furnish either a \$300 ward or two \$150 reception rooms. The decision rests with a committee that was appointed to consider the matter.

After the business session was over the members were treated to a short talk by Junior Past Councilor J. W. Stephenson. Most beautifully and forcefully Mr. Stephenson stressed regular attendance at all the meetings and the relation of the order to our government in the preservation of those principles so dear to ever Junior Order man. A number of members were called upon for short talks all of which were interesting and instructive, especially the remarks by Mr. W. H. Lyon and Rev. S. L. Morgan, pastor of the Baptist church.

From start to finish all that transpired during the meeting, the business session, the speeches and general spirit of enthusiasm manifested on the part of the membership were quite noticeable and Smithfield Council is fully keeping pace with the high record being made by other councils throughout the state. They are making themselves a power for good in this section.

THE DEATH RATE AND THE AUTOMOBILE

The national death rate in the United States has been placed by the commerce department at 11.9 per 100,000 population, on the basis of figures for 1924 as compared with 12.3 in 1923, 1.8 in 1922 and 11.6 in 1921.

The figures covered the entire death registration area of the country, which accounts for about 88 per cent of the population. The number of deaths registered in this territory during 1924 was 1,173,990 out of 99,030,404 population.

In another statistical study made public also the department noted a further increase in the number of deaths due to automobile accidents in the principal cities of the United States. The total for the four weeks ending December 5 was 624, compared with 612 the preceding four weeks, 524 in the period ending October 10 and 521 in the one ending September 12, while in the period ending May 23, the total was only 421.

So far this year, the daily average of automobile fatalities was 14.7 while last year for the same period it was 14.5, but for the four weeks ending December 5, this year it jumped to 16.8.

Heart disease was found to have been the chief cause of death in the general registration area in 1924, accounting for 176,671 fatalities, a slight increase over the comparative figure for the preced-

Heard First Words



Dr. Thomas A. Watson, who worked with Alexander Graham Bell inventing the telephone, heard the first sound of a word ever transmitted by wire. In the test, Mr. Bell spoke over the phone saying, "Come here, Watson, I want you." A tablet was recently unveiled commemorating the 50th anniversary of this great scientific marvel, the telephone.

Queen Mother Of Italy Is Mourned

Passed Away Tuesday Morning Following Severe Attack Pneumonia.

Borghiera, Italy, Jan. 5.--Margherita, beloved queen mother of Italy died at the royal castle here at eleven o'clock this morning after apparently having won a brave fight against pneumonia. Her son, King Victor Emanuel and other members of the royal family were at the bedside when the end came having been hurriedly summoned yesterday when the worse was noted. When the patient last night sank into a coma after heroic efforts by her doctors, she never emerged. She was the widow of King Humbert, who was assassinated at Monza July 29, 1900. She celebrated her 70th birthday November 20th. Throughout the night the end was postponed by frequent administrations of oxygen and the end was hardly apparent to the little group around her bedside. Extreme unction was administered at eight o'clock this morning.

MR. R. H. WELLONS OFFICER IN CHARLOTTE BAR ASS'N

Friends here will be interested to learn that at a recent meeting of the Charlotte Bar Association, Mr. Robert A. Wellons was elected second vice president. James L. Delaney, former state senator from Mecklenburg, was elected president to succeed Miss Carrie McLean. The construction of a new law office building is one of the present projects of the association. Mr. Wellons has been in Charlotte only a short time, and his election to office in the bar association, is a distinct honor.

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Both suicides and murders increased, suicides totalling 12,061 in 1924 against 11,287 in 1923, and 8,420 against 7,878.

Among cities, Paterson, N. J., was given the highest motor accident death rate, 34.8 per 100,000 population, with 49 deaths reported. Pittsburgh, Pa., came second with a rate of 29.7.

These figures could be greatly reduced if the automobile drivers were careful. The death rate from accidents is higher than the rate for disease and other causes and a vast majority of the accidents were due to carelessness. If he learns to be careful of the lives of other men, then we will eliminate most of the accidents.--Concord Times.

Urge Large Cut In Cotton Crop

Farmers Asked to Reduce Acreage 25 Per Cent--Another Meeting.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 5.--Determined to effect a reform in the present federal system of crop reporting and to bring about a 25 per cent reduction in acreage planted in cotton, the South-wide Cotton Conference which met here today issued a call for a "greater men" to meet in Memphis, February 2.

Prior to the convention at Memphis, conferences will be held in the capital cities of each cotton producing state, under the direction of state commissioners of agriculture, governors of the various states and every other interested cotton factor. These state gatherings will be held January 25, and have primarily for their object the formulation of means of reaching agreement on the question of organization and representation at the general convention at Memphis.

The Memphis convention will be presented with the action of today's meeting here, at which resolutions were unanimously adopted urging cotton growers to reduce their 1926 acreage 25 per cent, and petitioning Congress for reforms in the crop reporting systems, including the abolition of the present semi-monthly ginning reports and substituting for them a once-a-month report, which delegates agreed, would help stabilize conditions in the transfer of cotton from the grower to the buyer; an another provision which asks Congress to appropriate funds for the issuance at the end of each season of a report showing what is necessary to produce the cotton grown that year.

The conventions are the result of a campaign for acreage reduction and the stabilization of costs and prices of farmers' commodities, particularly cotton, which is being waged by the American Cotton Association. It is also the aim of the association to induce extra cotton grower to plant more feed and foodstuffs, thus insuring the farmer a greater production of self sustaining crops and offsetting the loss incurred by low prices paid for his cotton crop.--Associated Press.

Opens New Shop

Mr. C. E. Higgins has opened up a shop in the post office building. He paints automobiles, washes and cleans and polishes them and sells new tops. He also upholsters furniture. He will be glad to have his friends call upon him at his new location.

FIRE DOES SLIGHT TO JOHNSON-LEE MFG. CO.

The fire alarm turned in about noon yesterday took the fire company in record time to the Johnson-Lee Mfg. company, but fortunately the blaze was extinguished before much damage was done. This firm has recently completed a new kiln, and this was about the third time it had been fired. The owners state that there is practically no loss from the fire.

ORDINATION SERVICE TO BE HELD AT SARDIS

On next Saturday night at seven o'clock there will be a special ordination service at which time three new deacons will be ordained. Rev. C. H. Cashwell, pastor of the Selma Baptist church, will preach the sermon and assist the pastor in the ordination service. Regular preaching services Sunday morning and night by the pastor. JAS. W. ROSE, Pastor.

Death in Beulah Township

Mr. C. E. Howell of Beulah township, was in the city yesterday and qualified as administrator on the estate of Mr. Gray J. Bass who died at his home on January 4th. Mr. Bass had been an invalid for the past five years following a stroke of paralysis. He was about 54 years old. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife and three small children. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 5th, conducted by Rev. W. M. Ferrell, and interment was made in the family graveyard.