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SMITHFIELD NEEDS:

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

JOHNSTON COUNTY NEEDS:

- County Farm Agent
- Better Roads Feeding Highways
- Equal Opportunity for Every School Child
- Better Marketing System
- More Food and Feed Crops

Yesterday Marked Formal Opening Benson Creamery

Appropriate Exercises Attended By Large Number Business Men and Farmers Who Own Stock in New Enterprise

PROMINENT SPEAKER

Yesterday was a great day in the history of Benson. A creamery in which business men of Benson and farmers in nearby territory have stock was formerly opened with a large number of farmers from all sections of the county in attendance to see what a creamery really is. The town was decorated in flags and bunting and it was indeed in gala attire.

The Governor was expected to speak but a telegram received stated that a slight cold with hoarseness prevented his being present. Dr. A. S. Oliver, president of the Swains Club, which organization has been a factor in the establishment of the creamery, was master of ceremonies. Speaking from a flag-draped platform, arranged on one of the side streets, Dr. Oliver stated that it was indeed a unique occasion for Benson, that the creamery offers market for diversified crops and is a monument to a new day that will eventually dawn all over North Carolina. Dr. Oliver introduced Mr. Jesse Britt, mayor of Benson, who spoke a few words of welcome to those present.

Mr. N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, was then introduced, who stated that he was happy to be present at the celebration of one of the dreams of Eastern Carolina. He predicted that Benson will eventually be a livestock center for Eastern North Carolina.

Dr. W. T. Martin then introduced the speaker for the day, Mr. A. C. Kimery, of the dairy department of State College. Mr. Kimery began by stating that he was always interested in folks who showed an interest in "the old family cow." He stressed the fact that the dairy cow has a distinct place on the farms of North Carolina. He said that he had been all over the state but was convinced that around Benson was the best agricultural section in North Carolina. What they need is more livestock. He discredited the idea of "Hambone" that "dairying is a vocation without a vacation." "Dairying will be made successful by the white man," said Mr. Kimery. "We can use negro labor on our farms but not in the dairy business."

The speaker laid down three fundamental principles for successful dairying. First: the man himself. The dairyman must be a person who can "look a cow in the face and love her." The next requisite is the production of feed for cows, and in the opinion of Mr. Kimery, of all the counties of North Carolina, none are better prepared to do this than Johnston. In the third place, the cow must be a good one. A cow that will not produce five thousand pounds of milk per year will not pay. He stated that the average cow in North Carolina was poorly fed, especially in the winter. He called attention to the fact that it cost

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AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Me



Here's one advantage in living in town that if it don't lak' you hit can des move away.

White Robed Visitors Cause Near Panic at Oak Grove Church

The intent and purpose of ten white robed members of the Ku Klux Klan ultimately proved to be commendable, but the Kluckers came very near to breaking up public worship when they made their august appearance about twelve-thirty o'clock last Sunday at a negro church near town. About fifty or seventy-five of the colored population had gathered at Oak Grove Baptist church for a fifth Sunday meeting. Just who in the church saw the approach of the hooded figures is

not known, but by the time the edifice of worship was reached by the members of the Klan, not a negro was in the house and they all apparently had business towards the highway. When it became apparent that it was only a peaceful visit, some of the congregation mustered up courage enough to go back and see what it was all about, and were overjoyed to find a donation laid on the table for the purpose of helping to repair their church.

Does Not Favor Reducing Cotton Acreage As Remedy

Germany May Enter League

Will Probably Apply To Geneva By Saturday For Membership.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—The foreign relations committee of the reichstag today approved Germany's entry into the league of nations and thus cleared away the last internal political obstacles to the goal set by Chancellor Luther and Foreign Minister Stresemann in the Locarno deliberations.

Special dignity was lent to the reichstag's meeting by the presence of the entire cabinet which had solicited the committee vote as a matter of courtesy and loyalty although already fully empowered by the reichstag to apply for league membership. All the parties except the fascists, the nationalists and the communists, joined in approving the cabinet's foreign political course and voted down the opposition's boisterous attempts to delay its application.

Germany is expected to apply to Geneva by Saturday for membership in the league, when a meeting of the German premiers will be held in Berlin, followed by a cabinet council under President Von Hindenburg at which the formal application will be drawn up.

Formal acceptance of Germany by the League of Nations probably will be announced in March.—Associated Press.

Four Oaks Now Has Brass Band

Four Oaks, Feb. 4.—For the past few weeks the "talk of the town" has been the organization of a brass band. Now this talk has become a reality. Mr. William C. Lassiter, of Smithfield, director of the Riverside Serenaders, popular band of that town, is organizing and instructing the band here fifteen members having enrolled in this new organization. Meetings are held every Friday night at the high school. Mr. Lassiter states that with the interest already taken and with the backing of the entire town, a brass band can be had within several months of which Four Oaks will be proud.

Those in the band at present are: Shelton Lewis, cornet; David Lee, cornet; Fred Sanders, cornet; Bennis Boyette, trombone; Wade Massengill, baritone; Ed Keen, alto; Clarence Woodall, alto; Hubert Allen, alto; Hubert Massengill, alto saxophone; Willis Stevens, bass; Ronald Keen, saxophone; James Parrish, snare drum; John Bandy, bass drum.

The people of Four Oaks are asked to help make the band a success by boosting it.

Concrete on the farm means building for permanence and freedom from fires.

Commissioner W. A. Graham Would Devise Means of Reducing the Cost of Production.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 3.—"Heaven knows I want the price of American cotton to go higher and remain at a figure that will give our farmers a fair profit on their crop, but I want us to take the full measure of the wolves that are now licking their chops for our markets before we deliberately reduce our domestic supply of cotton to where the demand must be met by a cheaper cotton from abroad."

So declared William A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture for North Carolina, presenting his views to the conference on cotton acreage and food supply, in session here today. He also urged that in the "live-at-home" campaign there be no stirring up of hostilities between the sections within the United States. "The vital question for us to answer," he said, "is whether we shall reduce our baleage production and try to raise and maintain our price levels above world price levels in spite of certain and inevitable foreign competition, or shall we maintain our present production of around 15,000,000 bales and devise means of reducing the cost of production to where the farmer's net profit will represent a just reward for his labor and a fair return on his investment?"

"Again," continued Commissioner Graham, "we must not only fight clear of foreign competition in cotton production for American consumption, but we must see to it that conditions do not arise that will make it necessary to throw one section of our country into deadly competition with another section. We are unyielding in our advocacy of producing on the cotton farm every pound of meat, every bushel of corn and every other item of food and feed consumed in the operation of the farms, with the possible exception of sugar and coffee; but when this point is reached, we are inclined to call a halt, otherwise we might find ourselves confronted with the problem of the Southern sugar planters. In 1866 there were produced in this country only 896,000 pounds of beet sugar as against 327,764,000 pounds of cane sugar. But in 1923 there were produced in continental United States 2,170,000,000 pounds of beet sugar as against only 5,431,244,000 pounds of cane sugar in both continental and insular United States. Here is a case where, ever since 1866, the cane sugar industry of the South has been compelled to fight the beet sugar industry of the West."

Oil the spray pump and replace worn or broken parts in time for the dormant spray, says C. H. Brannan of State College.

Tom Tarheel says his banker cant plow very well but he does know how to handle and use money to advantage.

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AGREE TO PAVE ROADS IN ONEALS

County Will Lend Money To Highway Commission If Location Remains the Same.

MANY OTHER ITEMS

The matter of roads has been a live topic in Oneals township in recent months, and at the regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners another boost to roads in that section was given if the terms of the order are executed. The County Board agreed to lend money to the State Highway Commission for hard surfacing state highway No. 91 across Oneals township, a distance of three miles and a half, should it remain in its present location, at the same rate per mile as they do on No. 22 from Wilson to Harnett county line, and any other order in conflict to this provision is hereby revoked.

Other business transacted Monday included the following items: Ordered that in the future the clerk of the court be authorized to make out a list of all state failure cases on which witness fees have not been certified to, and turn the same over to the county attorney whose duty shall be to check same with the said clerk of the court to determine its correctness.

Ordered that Walter Johnson be paid \$158.33 for bridge lumber and hauling.

Ordered that Jesse G. Grant be released of poll tax in Banner township as he lives in Harnett county, same having been listed by error.

Ordered that Ruford Brown be released of dog tax in Selma township same having been listed by error.

Ordered that D. J. Williams be paid \$17.00 for bridge work in Bentonville township.

Ordered that W. M. Sanders and Son be paid \$69 for supplies to county for bridge work, etc.

Ordered that Cobb and Strickland be release of \$2,000 on a certain piece of land in Smithfield township which was listed in 1924 at \$3,000 and at \$5,000 in 1925, it therefore appearing that an error was made in listing same for 1925 taxes in the amount of \$2,000.

Ordered that B. I. Stephenson be released of \$800 valuation on 90 acres of land in Pleasant Grove township, said valuation having been for timber which had been sold before he bought said land.

Ordered that J. E. Booker be released of \$400 on personal property in Smithfield township same having been listed by error.

Ordered that C. A. Bailey be paid \$25 on burial expenses of Jane E. Hocutt, a widow of a state pensioner, as provided by law.

Ordered that W. V. Blackman be paid \$5.00 in the matter of making an investigation of whose dog killed the geese of J. W. Wood, and that J. J. Rose and G. R. Johnson be paid \$2.00 each for said services.

Ordered that M. A. Tart be released of \$600 valuation on 31 1-4 acres of land in Meadow township, same having been listed by error. Same having been listed by error it should have been listed at \$1,400.

Ordered that Ellis Kamm of Beulah township be released of \$1,400 on stock of merchandise, same having been listed by error.

Ordered that Wilbur M. Lee be paid \$389.48 for bridge lumber.

Ordered that M. M. Casey of Smithfield township, be released of \$330 on real estate, same having been listed by error.

Ordered that 12 acres of land listed to L. F. Stencil in Pine Level township be released of taxation in the name of L. F. Stencil as the same property is listed by A. C. Stencil in the original tract.

Ordered that D. U. Thompson be paid \$119.20 for bridge work.

Ordered that John W. Wood be paid \$23.00 for geese killed by

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'Eavens' Elp Us!



WELL, IT'S here—beauty contests for men—and poor Allen F. Marbee, Columbia College senior—had to go and win first prize as the "Andsomest Man." He was so embarrassed that he went into seclusion—and says he will succeed at law in spite of all this.

Former Sheriff Kicked By Mule

Mr. W. J. Massey Painfully Hurt By Mule—Other Princeton News.

Princeton, Feb. 3.—Mr. W. J. Massey was kicked by a mule some days ago, and very painfully injured. The fact that he had on an overcoat and it closely buttoned over his breast is possibly all that saved his life. In the absence of Dr. Stevens and Dr. Aycock at the time of the accident, Dr. Wilson was called from Smithfield. Mr. Massey seems to be improving and his friends will be glad to learn that his chances for recovery are good.

Mr. John L. Toler died at his home near town Monday and was buried in the Woodman cemetery. He was a young man only 24 years old, and had been afflicted for more than a year. About two years ago he was married to a young lady at Durham, and they have been living at Mr. Dallas Toler's for the past several months. Those who know the family sympathize with them in this hour of sorrow and affliction.

Messrs. Floyd C. Price, W. B. Godwin, J. F. Watson and N. M. Gurley, prominent business men from Pine Level, attended the morning service at the Baptist church Sunday. Also Mr. W. G. Creech and Mr. Earp from Hepzibah. These gentlemen with Mr. W. L. Pearce compose the field committee of what is known as the Pine Level field. The committee elected Mr. J. F. Watson chairman for the coming year and the chairman appointed Mr. Chas. H. Holt as secretary. It was decided that the committee meet with the Pine Level church on the next fifth Sunday at 3 p. m.

Four Oaks Defeats Strong Erwin Team

Four Oaks, Feb. 4.—The Four Oaks "flying five" defeated the Erwin (Duke) quint on the local court Tuesday night in one of the fastest and closest games seen on this court this year. Four Oaks took the lead during the first quarter and the half ended with the flying five trailing behind a six-point lead. Something happened after that and Four Oaks came back in the second half to win with a combination of air-tight defensive work and brilliant offensive playing, succeeding. The final score was 24 to 23. Byrd and Weller led the scoring for Four Oaks with nine points each, while Parrish and Lewis both played an excellent game on the defensive.

Primitive Baptist Appointment
Elder Robert Johnson will preach at Johnson school house the first Sunday in February at two-thirty o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to attend the services.

You Can't Stand There?

Loyalty Week To Be Observed Here

Visiting Ministers to Preach At Presbyterian Church During Week.

Beginning next Sunday night and continuing through the week the Smithfield Presbyterian church will observe the Loyalty Week set aside by the General Assembly of the church. It is to be a week of prayer and stock-taking for Presbyterians all over the church and a special effort is to be made to make up the deficits of the different Mission Boards of the church.

The pastor has invited to his pulpit six ministers of the Presbyterian church and each will bring some message on the general theme of Loyalty to Christ. On Monday night Professor Kim of Korea will speak to the congregation on Korea. Mr. Kim is taking post graduate work at the Union Seminary, Richmond, Va., and has been working with the missionaries preparing a dictionary of the Bible in the Korean language. Mr. Kim is a delightful speaker and makes the scenes in Korea vivid and appealing. Other preachers will include Dr. W. Mc.C. White, of Raleigh; Hon. E. B. Crow, of Raleigh; Rev. Edgar Woods, of Salisbury; Rev. A. C. Summers, of Kenly; Rev. A. M. Mitchell, of Selma. The sermons will stress the element of loyalty and each should be a helpful and inspiring message.

The pastor is desirous of having the members of the other churches get the benefit of these services and he extends them a cordial invitation to attend. Presbyterians will be in the background and Jesus Christ will be exalted. Each night at 7:30, beginning next Sunday night.

SEES POSSIBILITIES IN GROWTH OF FOUR OAKS

Mr. Robert L. Reed, representative of J. C. Mayer and company, Cincinnati, Ohio, had the pleasure of spending a day in Four Oaks recently. Mr. Reed stated that he saw great possibilities in the growth of Four Oaks and that some future date has the expectation of a visualization of a great cotton market. He found the merchants to be a thriving people and stated that there was no question in his mind of a growing metropolis.

Mr. Reed explained to the board of town commissioners the advantage of their contemplated bond issue. For, by introducing water and sewer systems, which will lower both death rate and insurance rate, it will bring the rural people into the town to live and naturally be to its commercial interests. Mr. Reed was warm in his praise of the hospitality found in the vicinity.

New Auto Repair Shop

Messrs. Roy Keen and Kirby Rose have opened an automobile repair shop on East Market Street. They are located in the garage formerly occupied by the Spear Motor company. They repair automobiles and carry a full line of parts. Mr. Keen is the head mechanic and is experienced in this work, having held a position for several years with the Sanders Motor company and with the Young Motor company of this city. Both proprietors of this new firm, which will be known as the K. R. Motor company, will be glad to have their friends call to see them.

BANKERS TO MEET AT CHAPEL HILL

The semi-annual meeting of Group 4 of North Carolina Bankers Association will be held at the Carolina Inn, Chapel Hill on Saturday, February 13, at 7:30 p. m.

Hon. W. P. Stacy, chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, will be the principal speaker. Short business session for any matters of business to be presented by the member banks of this Group.

Fright or Guilt?



DAVID L. Marshall, Philadelphia Chiropractor, confessed dismembering the body of Miss Dietrich, which he claims took poison because of a busted romance—and died in his office. Through fright, he says, he tried to do away with the body.

Consider Adoption Of New Calendar

A Thirteen-Month Calendar Is Being Considered By League of Nations.

Fresh stimulus has recently been given to the reform of the calendar by the action of the committee of inquiry of the League of Nations in calling representatives of the Roman, Greek, and other orthodox churches of the East, the Anglican Church of Great Britain, and about 100 Protestant churches to discuss the advisability of making Easter a fixed instead of a movable date, dependent on the full moon. The first or second Sunday in April has been suggested.

Further sessions of the committee of inquiry are to be held soon to make definite recommendations to the League of Nations regarding plans for calendar reform. Enthusiastic support has been given in many quarters to the plan that would divide the year into thirteen 28-day months, with an extra year day at the end of the last week in December. Every four years a leap day would be inserted at the end of June. The change, it is said, could be made easily on January 1, 1928, as that will be Sunday.

Prof. C. F. Marvin, Chief of the Weather Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture, indorses the 13-month year because it would greatly simplify meteorological and other scientific records. He points out also that there are innumerable advantages to economic, agricultural, civic, educational, and business interests in having all months and quarters exactly alike, and the numbered days of each month always falling on the same day of the week. Many difficulties now existing in compiling accurate comparative statistics in accounting, banking, or computing interest would be done away with.

An interesting fact in connection with the proposed calendar is that it harmonizes in many respects with the plan of the old calendar used by the Israelites.

Baptist Church

Sunday school 9:30 a. m. The superintendent will announce his new corps of officers and teachers. The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. The morning service is of special importance to all members of the church and Sunday school, as it is to be a special consecration service for the large number of officers and teachers of the church and Sunday school, this service being postponed from last Sunday because of the bad weather and the absence of a good many of those to be installed. Evening services regularly hereafter at 7:15. At 6 p. m. Sunday the Intermediate B. Y. P. U. will meet. A cordial invitation to the public to all services.

A good winter job is to collect the best seed ears for seed corn and test them out for germination. It pays not to guess about good seed corn, say agronomy workers.

Boy Scout Troop Now At Four Oaks

Executive Board Tuscarora Council To Hold Annual Meeting Monday Night in Goldsboro.

The Scoutmasters in Johnston county will have a splendid report of the Scout activities, when they shall meet in Goldsboro next Monday night, February 8, as guests of the Executive Board of Tuscarora Council. It is the custom of the executive board to hold an annual meeting, and the new Goldsboro hotel will be the scene for the outlining of the work for 1926. At the banquet Monday evening, will be 26 scoutmasters of the Tuscarora Council.

Scout officials from Johnston county will carry the glad tidings of a new troop organized at Four Oaks and the application for a troop at Clayton. The Methodist church at Four Oaks is sponsoring the troop in that city and Kenneth Coates has been chosen as scoutmaster. The pastor, Rev. E. D. Dodd, will be the assistant scoutmaster. Twenty-one boys compose the Four Oaks troop.

In Clayton, Rev. M. Y. Self has made application to the Troop Organization Committee for a troop sponsored by the Methodist church of Clayton, and it is expected that within the next two weeks, this troop will be organized. All boy scouts in the county and in the Tuscarora Council will be interested to know that a contract has been signed recently for the use of Camp Tuscarora, and plans will soon be formed for the summer work on Holt Lake.

What You Pay For Rent

In case you have forgotten 1917-18 and are beginning once more to think that war is glory and glamor and flapping flags, please cut to pieces in this way the tax dollar which President Coolidge's budget message says you are to pay in 1926.

For national defense, 16.32 cents.

For pensions, war bonus, soldiers' insurance, etc., 16.55 cents.

Public debt retirement, 1.76.

Interest on the public debt, 22.75 cents.

For all other purposes, 29.62 cents.

Wars, past and prospective, and the debts created by them consume 78 cents of the tax-dollar. All of the work of peace has to be performed for 30 cents. But for these wars Federal taxes, direct and indirect, need not be one-third what they are.

In terms of gross appropriation, this means that \$2,400,000,000 will be spent in 1926 on war in all forms and of all times, and \$756,000,000, net on everything else. The postoffice will cost about \$740,000,000 more, but will, and should, pay for itself.

The present gross annual war charges are considerably more than the total cost of Government under the Constitution from 1789 through 1862.—Richmond News-Leader.

Tom Tarheel says it appears to him that now is the time for the farm boy to get him a place of his own. Land seems to be in demand in North Carolina now.

The Mirror

IS THIS YOU?

If the person who answers this description will call at The Herald office they will receive a free ticket to the Victory Theatre.

You wore tan corduroy trousers, gray vest, black sweater, tan shirt with black tie, black overcoat and slouch hat and tan shoes. You were seen in a barber shop last night about seven o'clock.

Miss Nola Gurley recognized herself in last Tuesday's Mirror.