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Harnett Sheriff Denies Monds Shot To Death

Dunn Citizens Said Not To Believe That Monds Was Connected With Affair In Meadow Township

The report of the shooting done at the home of James Webb, of Meadow township, which was published in our last issue of March 9, has created a profound feeling in the community of Dunn, where Mr. Troy Monds lived and was well known.

The Herald regrets that any report should gain circulation that is not founded on truth and fact. The article referred to above was run without prejudice to any individual or any society.

The alleged visit of masked men to Webb on Thursday night of last week has been a current report since the affair, though investigation has not added materially to the story in our last issue.

Two Big Eggs

Two of the largest hen eggs we ever saw were brought to us this week by Mr. J. Y. Baker, who lives on the Frost Place of Mr. W. M. Sanders.

BAPTIST PASTORS TO MEET

The pastors' conference of the Johnston Baptist Association will meet in the Smithfield Baptist church next Monday at 10 a. m.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS

By Mc



I broke ma colla bone an' went to the horsepital, and doctah sot de example uv' high chargin'.

Governor Lowden To Speak In N. C.

Illinois Statesman Will Discuss Cooperative Marketing at Raleigh and Charlotte

Raleigh, March 11.—North Carolina is to have the pleasure of hearing former Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, one of the outstanding defenders of the rights and privilege of the farmer.

Information is given out by General Manager U. B. Blalock of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association that Governor Lowden has agreed to spend two days in this state in April, and it is Mr. Blalock's purpose to arrange for two great farmers' meetings, one at Raleigh and the other at Charlotte.

KENLY BOY TO GO TO WEST POINT



WILBUR H. ALFORD

Kenly Youth Will Enter West Point

Wilbur Alford Receives Appointment From Senator Simmons; Has Good Record

Kenly, March 10.—Wilbur H. Alford, who is a young leader in the scholastic, business and religious activities of his community, was recently appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point by United States Senator F. M. Simmons.

About a year ago Wilbur bought the News and Observer agency from one of his friends in Kenly. Since he has taken the agency for the "Old Reliable" he has more than doubled the number of subscribers he had the first day of his agency.

Wilbur has won four free trips, two of which were for his salesmanship in the newspaper and magazine field. In 1924 he won a free trip to New York City as the guest of the International Magazine Company and witnessed the World Series between the Giants and the Senators.

A few days ago he was selected for a national organization, the League of Curtis Salesmen, maintained by the Curtis Publishing Company, for boys who sell its publications. Admittance to this organization depends upon regular school attendance and a record of efficient service to customers.

Catherine (trying to spell some big word): I wish I could swallow a dictionary.

Lelia: "You couldn't digest it."

VISITOR TO BE AT METHODIST CHURCH

Smithfield will have opportunity to hear Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the M. E. church one of the numerous distinguished visitors attending the Woman's Missionary Council now in session in Raleigh.

In making the canvass for a resign, there is no minimum set, but the members of the association have set as a goal, a total of 25 per cent of the crop and the field workers are striving to reach that goal and expect to do it.

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Oboy! . . . Whatta Life!!



The Prince of Wales, credited with being England's best advertising bet in his tumbling act from galloping steepie-chase horses, has a real national rival—now that John Coolidge, son of the President, has taken up boxing at Amherst college.

Fourteen Year Old Gaston Oliver On Trial For Murder

Pat Massey Dies At Wilson's Mills

Had a Record of Forty Years With the Southern Railway Company

Wilson's Mills, March 11.—Patrick Massey, 57, who had a record of having served slightly more than 40 years with the Southern Railway, died here last night at his home after an illness of five months duration with heart trouble.

The deceased is survived by his wife and four children: James O.; Frank A.; Patrick L.; and Miss Clara Odessa Massey, who is a student at Duke University.

REPORTS COLD SPRING IN NORTHERN CITIES

Mr. J. C. Stencil, who writes us that he is moving from River Edge, N. J., to Danbury, Conn., states that there is little evidence of spring up that way.

Sleeping suits made of fleecy, knitted fabrics, feet attached in gray.

Cases Vs. Geo. F. Woodard and Miss Lena Woodard Are Scheduled Today

Interest in this week's term of criminal Superior Court centered around the case of state vs. Gaston Oliver, 14-year-old boy charged with the murder of James Woodard near Pine Level on Thanksgiving day.

The docket has been heavy from the start and several cases of minor importance have been continued until the next term of court.

Among the cases which were disposed of during the week was that of the state vs. J. T. Jeffry, formerly of Wilders township, who was tried for bigamy.

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Senator Hands Out Coal to Needy



A coal party is the latest in senatorial circles. Senator M. M. Neely of West Virginia (shown in the truck) brought joy to the hearts of many poor families in Washington when he personally delivered a carload of coal from the mines of his state to the needy.

Fiftieth Birthday Telephone System

On March 10, Fifty Years Ago The First Message Was Transmitted Over the 'Phone

The 50th birthday of the telephone was celebrated March 10 by 320,000 Bell telephone workers and thousands of others throughout the United States and Canada.

In honor of the occasion men and women in the telephone industry everywhere wore an attractive button, showing a telephone and the numerals 50. These workers during the twenty-four hour period of celebration enabled telephone subscribers to complete 67,700,000 messages—an almost unbelievable expansion from one sentence on March 10, 1876 to the millions of conversations March 10, 1926.

There are 20,500 Bell telephone workers in the Southeastern states who joined in the nationwide celebration. The South can claim with pride that the telephone owes a part of its development to the reception given it in the South in its infancy.

Among the first telephone exchanges established were those opened in some of the leading cities of the South during the year 1879. Among the cities in this pioneer list are Augusta, Savannah and Atlanta, Ga.; Charleston, S. C.; Wilmington, N. C.; Mobile, Ala.; Louisville, Ky.; and Richmond, Lynchburg and Norfolk, Va.

The first building ever erected to be used exclusively as a telephone exchange was constructed in Louisville, Ky., some fifteen years before the close of the nineteenth century.

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The early days of the telephone furnish a thrilling story of a desperate struggle for life in a cold business world which frowned on sinking money in a "toy," as the telephone was then called.

The old, neglected trees in the orchard will be much helped by removing all dead, diseased and weak branches before spring growth begins.

Queen of Ozarks



The smile of Miss Estella Southard of Joplin, Mo., radiates sunshine, according to members of the Ozarks Playgroup association, formed to boost southwestern Missouri as a vacation land.

Woman's Club Elects Officers

Mrs. W. N. Holt Is New President — Financial Report For Year Makes Fine Showing

The new head of the Woman's club elected at the meeting Wednesday afternoon is Mrs. W. N. Holt. The chairman of the nominating committee, Miss Mattie Poy, in making her report, stated that it was with reluctance that Mrs. Holt consented to have her name placed before the club but when promised the cooperation of the entire membership yielded to the insistence of the committee.

Other officers chosen at the meeting Wednesday were vice-president, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter; corresponding secretary, Miss Ava Myatt; recording secretary, Mrs. Joe Davis; treasurer, Miss Bettie Lee Sanders; chairman of social service, Mrs. Paul Brown; civics, Mrs. H. C. Hood; library, Mrs. N. M. Lawrence with Mrs. J. W. Keen and Mrs. Roger A. Smith Jr., assistants; literary, Mrs. E. J. Weltons; music, Miss Lallah Rookh Stephenson with Mrs. C. V. Johnson assistant; home economics, Mrs. Kirby L. Rose.

Annual reports were read at the meeting the treasurer making a particularly good showing. The amount raised during the past year was \$724.54, the ways and means committee of which Mrs. T. S. Ragsdale has been chairman, turning in \$533.03 of that sum.

The special work of the club at present is raising funds for a new club house which it is hoped will be erected at an early date on the lot already purchased on the corner of Market and First Streets.

Three Fires Occur Here This Week

A fire a day for three days was the record for Smithfield this week, but none of them resulted in any considerable damage. The biggest loss was sustained by John Jones, colored, whose dwelling and household furniture were completely destroyed, and his cafe damaged.

The fire alarm again called out the fire department Tuesday night about ten o'clock, and it was found that an old barn near North Fourth Street was on fire.

Wednesday morning about eleven o'clock the fire company was called to the home of Mr. Roger A. Smith. Painters at work on Mr. Smith's house, discovered smoke coming out of the walls and fire was discovered between plastering and weather boarding near the chimney. Investigation indicated that the fire originated in a rat's nest. The damage was slight.

Schools Urged To Select Spellers

Winner In County-Wide Spelling Bee Goes To Charlotte For State-Wide Contest

Charlotte, March 10.—Here is a chance of a lifetime for spellers of North Carolina to get real money as well as real fun, from the covers of the old spelling book.

The Charlotte Observer will give \$175 in cash rewards to the best spellers in the state, and many county champion spellers will get free trips to Charlotte.

The spelling bee is to be statewide, and the schools of Charlotte and in the one hundred counties have been invited by The Observer to participate. Each school will pick its best speller in a regular spelling bee. Then all school winners, city and county, are to meet at the county seat to select, in an old fashioned spelling bee, the county champion. This lucky boy, or girl, may be among those who will come to Charlotte in May as the guest of The Observer. He or she will stop at the city's best hotel, will be royally entertained and will enter the state-wide finals. Then The Observer is offering the following prizes at the all-territory finals in May: first, \$100, second \$50, and third, \$25.

In addition, the champion speller of North Carolina will be sent to Washington, D. C., in June to take part in the Second National Spelling Bee Contest. All expenses of both the winner and a chaperon will be paid by The Observer. In the event that the winner is a girl, her mother will act as chaperon in case a boy. The Observer will provide a suitable chaperon. In Washington more than twenty spelling champions will compete for \$2000 in gold and a gold medal. The first prize will be \$1000; second, \$500; third, \$200; fourth, \$150; fifth, \$100; sixth, \$50. A five-day sightseeing tour and other entertainments are in store for the winners of North Carolina.

Schools in both city and county have been invited to join the bee and urged by The Observer to forward their acceptances immediately to the Spelling Bee Editor.

BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday school 9:30 a. m. The Baraca-class meeting in the Victory theater at the same time. The pastor will preach at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. In the morning a special sermon on the life of the Apostle John, as an aid to understanding the great book and its author from which the Sunday school lessons have been taken for the first quarter of this year. Special invitation to all members of the Sunday school.

Mr. Pou's Radio Speech From WCAP Washington

On the evening of March 24 Congressman E. W. Pou, representative from this district will deliver a radio address from station WCAP at Washington. Mr. Pou will "go in the air" at seven o'clock instead of seven-thirty as previously announced.

You can't cut production costs unless you know what these costs are. The only way to know these costs is to keep records.

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 were seen on Third street about four-thirty o'clock Wednesday evening. You wore tan slippers, cream colored hose, a tan pleated skirt, light blue sweater. Light bobbed hair.

Tyree Woody recognized himself in Tuesday's Mirror.