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- A Modern Hotel.
- Renovation of Opera House.
- More Paved Streets.
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JOHNSTON COUNTY NEEDS:
 County Farm Agent
 Better Roads Feeding Highways
 Equal Opportunity for Every
 School Child
 Better Marketing System
 More Food and Feed Crops

\$2.00 PER YEAR

Grand Jury Makes Report To Court

Recommendations Are Made Concerning Prison Camp Near Smithfield

The grand jury made its report to the Superior Court in session here last week and was dismissed Wednesday. The court ordered the report to be sent to the county convict camp, to the county commissioners, and to the local papers.

The report as submitted is as follows:

We, the Grand Jurors for the term appointed, in pursuance to a charge by Hon. N. A. Sinclair, Judge Presiding, respectfully make and submit the following as our report.

1. We have passed upon each and every bill of indictment coming before us from the hands of the Solicitor, and have made true returns of the same according to our findings.

2. We have inspected the various county offices in the courthouse and have found them to be in good shape as respects the manner in which they are kept and the manner in which the records of said offices are kept.

3. We visited the County jail and found that its condition for the keeping of prisoners is good. The padded cell for the violent insane is also in good and safe condition. The kitchen is clean and the food appeared to be good and wholesome.

4. We visited the County Home and found the same to be in excellent condition. We personally examined the inmates and found that they were all satisfied. We examined the bedding there and the food and found them to be good.

5. We visited the prison camp near Smithfield, and we respectfully make the following recommendations: (1) That the white and colored prisoners be separated when quartered for the night and over Sunday. (2) That the stable where the mules are kept be so improved as to protect the stock from the weather. (3) That the sewerage system be so improved as to provide separate toilets for the white prisoners and colored prisoners, especial attention being given to the condition of the toilets so that they will be easy to flush at all times.

6. We visited the Road Camp in Oneal's township and found it to be in an excellent condition. We personally examined the prisoners (some of them) and found that they were humanely treated, and none of them offered any criticism.

Respectfully submitted,
 R. D. DUNN, Foreman.
 This 10th March, 1926.

Oxford Orphans To Be In Four Oaks

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class will give a concert in Four Oaks next Tuesday evening at the school auditorium at eight o'clock. This class has presented programs in Four Oaks before and the young people always pleased their audiences. The program Tuesday, it is certain, will be no exception to the rule.

The class will be in Smithfield on Monday evening.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS

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A few pipes freez spito so much hot air.

MERCHANTS SCHOOL TO BEGIN HERE MONDAY



FRANK STOCKDALE

Frank Stockdale, Expert in Retail Selling Will Be In Charge

The Merchants' Institute, a series of get-together meetings of merchants, their sales people and their customers, scheduled to begin here next Monday under the direction of Frank Stockdale, expert in retail selling, promises to be an event of importance to Smithfield.

Mr. Stockdale has probably spent more time and effort than any other man in America, in a serious and determined effort to master the problems of retailing, and as a result he is a proved power and a recognized authority. The purpose of the institute is

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Woodard Trial Gets Postponed

Lack of Time Causes the Delay; The Five Counts To Be Consolidated

The five cases in which Mr. George F. Woodard and his daughter, Miss Lena Woodard, of Princeton, were charged with embezzlement, and false entry and accept deposit, respectively in connection with the failure of the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Princeton, were postponed Friday until the next regular term of criminal Superior court.

The cases were up for discussion about eleven o'clock Friday and the lawyers for the defendants, Messrs. E. S. Abell of this city and J. H. Pou of Raleigh, asked for postponement of the trial in order that the court might obtain an additional audit of the bank's books. They also asked that the cases be combined into one case stressing the fact that considerable time and expense would be saved if this were done. Mr. Abell and Mr. Pou both made speeches favoring this consolidation of counts and postponement of the trial.

Solicitor Williams and Mr. Mayo Bailey of Raleigh, attorney for the Corporation Commission, presented the state's side of the case, and the court decided in favor of combining the cases, but declined to order another audit of the books. Because there was not time enough during this term of court to complete the trial which promises to be long drawn out, the case was postponed. This will give the defendants time to have an audit of their own, the judge pointed out. According to contentment of the state, two sets of books had been kept.

City Sells \$120,000 Worth Street Improvement Bonds

One hundred twenty thousand dollars worth of city street improvement bonds in denomination of \$1000, was awarded to W. L. Slayton & Company, of Toledo, Ohio, last night at a meeting of the town Board of Commissioners, in the bid of this company being par and accrued interest at five per cent plus \$463. The bonds were advertised at a rate not to exceed six per cent, interest payable semi-annually, six bonds to be retired annually beginning April 1, 1927. This bond issues provides approximately twenty-three blocks of street paving.

The next highest bid was made by Brown Bosworth & Company, of Toledo, with a bid of 169 above par at five per cent. Twenty bidders filed sealed bids.

Mr. W. C. Matthews, editor of The Sampson Observer, of Clinton, was in the city yesterday.

Exclusion of Countess Cathcart Arouses Women



Members of the National Woman's party, headed by Miss Mabel Vernon, at the Labor department in Washington protesting against the exclusion of Countess Cathcart while the earl of Craven was permitted to enter the country. At the left is the countess photographed on Ellis Island, where she was detained by the immigration officials.

Man Wanted For Abandonment Of Family Gives Identity Away

John Canaday, late of Johnston county, found himself to be a very welcome visitor here in Smithfield when he appeared yesterday to visit a lady friend who is now in jail awaiting trial on charges of immorality. Canaday fearlessly went into the office of the county superintendent of public welfare, and asked if he might go up into the jail and see his friend, the woman in question. Mrs. Thurston, the superintendent, ever ready to accommodate the public, accompanied him up into the jail and to the cell where the woman was confined. There it was that he very carelessly dropped his name—John Canaday. Mrs. Thurston kept her council and when the conversation between the two had ended she invited him downstairs and introduced him to the sheriff, who had a warrant and capias ready to serve upon him which have been waiting for him since last September. Canaday is wanted in the Johnston county courts for abandonment of his wife and children. He protested against arrest but was held firmly by the sheriff until he could secure bondsmen. He is now under bond to appear here where he will be tried in Recorder's Court on charges of desertion.

Negro Child Is Burned To Death

Selma, March 14.—A negro baby, three or four years old, was burned to death yesterday when a pressing club belonging to Harvey Richardson, and a barber shop belonging to Frank Sims were destroyed by fire. The building housing the two establishments was a frame structure. The boiler in the pressing club exploded and in their hurry to save themselves from the onrushing flames, three negroes, employees, rushed out of the building, leaving the baby to be swallowed up by the fire. The firemen quickly answered the alarm and extinguished the flames a few minutes before the baby died. The baby was the child of Harvey Richardson, owner of the pressing club.

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Funeral Of Mr. Massey Friday

Interment Made In Vinson Cemetery Near Wilson's Mills; Junior Order Holds Service

A large crowd of friends and relatives from Wilson's Mills and surrounding towns was present at the funeral of Mr. Patrick Massey held Friday afternoon at the home of the deceased in Wilson's Mills.

Mr. Massey had been ill for several months, and passed away Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of the Methodist church of this city, of which church the deceased was a member. Rev. Mr. Parker was assisted by the pastor of the Christian Church of Wilson's Mills. The floral offering was large and beautiful, bespeaking the sympathy of a large circle of relatives and friends.

Interment was made in the Vinson cemetery a short distance from Wilson's Mills. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Carl K. Parish, B. A. Turnage, Cleveland Youngblood, R. G. Allen, John T. Holt, D. O. Uzzle, Willie Wilson, John Turley, of Clayton; C. P. Harper, of Selma, and N. B. Grantham, of this city. The deceased was a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics of this city and this order had charge of the burial service.

Donnell Wharton On Debate

Friends here will learn with pleasure that Mr. Donnell Wharton who is a junior at Davidson College, has again been chosen to represent his college in a debate with Sewanee University at Sewanee, Tenn.

Pardon the personal question—hadn't your subscription about expired? Renew!

KIWANIANS DISCUSS COTTON MARKET AND NEW HOTEL

The Kiwanis dinner in the Woman's club room Thursday evening was characterized not only by delicious food but by a number of after dinner speeches that put spirit and pep into the occasion.

Each Kiwanian was privileged to invite a guest, and about fifty men found themselves around the festive board.

The president of the organization, L. G. Stevens, was master of ceremonies. Three topics of interest to Smithfield were on the program. J. A. Wellons discussed the cotton market here; E. J. Wellons, the tobacco market; and W. N. Holt, the hotel proposition. Discussions were started that promise to develop into real constructive enterprise for the town.

Hon. Clawson L. Williams, solicitor of this district, was present and spoke briefly concerning the plans for a new hotel. He stated that he

was present at the Kiwanis meeting that was the beginning of a hospital here, and expressed a wish that the hotel proposition might be as successful as the other.

Another out of town visitor on this occasion was Mayo Bailey, attorney for the Corporation of Raleigh. A home town boy who has gone away and made good. Mr. Bailey's remarks were particularly welcome. He spoke of the educational facilities of Smithfield, recalling the wonderful influence of the late Professor Ira T. Turlington, and pointing to the forward step in school buildings.

Before the meeting was over delegates were elected to the annual convention at Montreal, Canada, the first week in June, these being L. G. Stevens, W. N. Holt and George Ragsdale.

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Testing the White House Silence



"Silent Cat" Coolidge lived up to his name when a scientific test of loudness of noise in the vicinity of the White House was made by K. P. Royce with an audiometer. Comparative tests in other parts of the national capital were also made. Photograph shows Mr. Royce with the audiometer at the White House.

Welfare Superintendent Keeps Ears Open and Delivers Man to Sheriff

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Services At Primitive Church Here Tonight

Elder James S. Carbett of Greenville, will preach here at the Primitive Baptist Church tonight, Pittman's Grove at 11 a. m. Wednesday 17th, Beulah 11 a. m. Thursday 18th, Creech's 11 a. m. Friday 19th, Salem 20th and 21st, at regular meeting, Little Creek 22nd at 11 a. m., Cleveland 23rd, at 11 a. m. and Durham 24th at night.

MUST VACCINATE SCHOLARS BEFORE NEXT SCHOOL TERM

The Johnston County Medical Society held its regular meeting here Tuesday afternoon, March 9. The attendance at this meeting was the greatest it has been in many months. Interest manifested in local medical topics was unusually keen. The outstanding feature was in the form of a paper presented by Dr. J. C. Grady of Kenly, on the subject of smallpox. This subject was very effectively and eloquently presented, leading ultimately to the question of smallpox prevention. Aware of an outbreak of several cases of smallpox of a virulent form in the northern part of the county during January and the tendency of the disease to spread, knowing that prevention means more than cure and that preventative means should always be taken against diseases where such are effective, the Johnston County Medical Society goes on record as follows:

That the Johnston County Board of Health requires compulsory vaccination against smallpox of every child in the county before entering the next term of school, who has not been previously successfully vaccinated, or known to have had smallpox. Knowing that universal vaccination is the only effective means by which smallpox can be eradicated from the rostrum of diseases, it behooves the local society to make such recommendation.

It might be well to state that in order to head off an epidemic, as above referred to, it was necessary to vaccinate between eleven and twelve hundred people. This was accomplished by the members of the medical society cooperating with the health officer.

Dr. W. P. Whitted, of Kenly, was elected to membership in the society.

C. C. MASSEY, Secretary, Johnston County Medical Society

Woman's Division Of Legion Post

Auxiliary State President Spoke To Group Here Yesterday In Interest of Organization

Miss Annie Lee, president of the Auxiliary to the Legion of North Carolina, spoke here yesterday afternoon to encourage the organization of a woman's division of the local post. The invocation was given by Rev. Chester Alexander, after which D. Carlton Stephenson, post commander, spoke briefly on the purpose of the meeting. The speaker was then introduced by St. Julien L. Springs.

In her address, Miss Lee emphasized the point that the Auxiliary is not a separate organization but a part of the legion and will assist in the undertakings of the legion in every way possible. Eleven members signed applications for membership, and Miss Ruth Jones was appointed temporary chairman, and Mrs. S. E. Hogwood temporary Secretary. The first meeting of the local auxiliary will be held in the commissioners room at the courthouse on next Wednesday evening at 8:15. Every woman eligible to join this organization is given a cordial invitation to do so.

While here Miss Lee was the guest of Mrs. W. M. Sanders.

YOUNG SOLDIER MAKES AN EXCELLENT RECORD

In discharging six soldiers last week from the local N. C. National Guard upon the expiration of their enlistment, Capt. St. Julien L. Springs was warm in his praise of Mr. Shepherd R. Lassiter, corporal, one of the number discharged. Captain Springs said that never before in filling out the certificates of honorable discharge had he written anything in the space for "remarks," but this boy's record was so exceptional he could not refrain from making the following comment in this space:

"This man is an excellent soldier. He lives five miles distance from the armory but his attendance record is one hundred per cent. He has not failed to answer roll call at the armory and in camp during the three years of his enlistment. He deserves commendation from me as commanding officer."

Mr. Lassiter enlisted three years ago and has made an excellent record. "I would not mind to go to war if all my soldiers were like this man," said Captain Springs. Mr. Lassiter is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lassiter who live near town. He is twenty-one years of age.

BAPTIST CHURCH HOLDS MEETING

The conference of Baptist pastors of the Johnston Association held their monthly meeting in the Smithfield Baptist church yesterday morning with a good attendance. The most notable incident of the meeting was the resignation of Rev. R. C. White, pastor of the Clayton church, as president of the pastors' conference. He will go from Clayton April 1 to become pastor of the First Baptist church of Jellico, Tenn. Rev. R. F. Holt, of Mount Moriah, was elected president in his place, and Rev. J. E. Kirk, who has just succeeded Rev. O. A. Keller at Benson, was chosen vice-president of the body.

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 in front Farmers Bank Saturday about one o'clock during snow storm. You wore black coat and black hat. You had on pair of black rubber boots.