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

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Many Cases In Recorder's Court

Three Convicted For Driving Car While Under Influence of Liquor

The following cases on the criminal docket were disposed of here in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, March 23:

Willie Hatcher was found guilty of abandonment. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

The state took a nol pros in a case against L. N. Barnes, of Wilders township. Barnes was charged with passing a worthless check.

Coley Sanders, a negro, charged with larceny, was found guilty and committed to the county roads for a term of six months. He was also taxed with the costs.

Haywood Capps, charged with larceny, was found not guilty.

H. E. Wood plead guilty to violating the prohibition laws and was discharged under suspended sentence upon payment of costs.

Ed Edwards plead guilty to a charge of operating an automobile while under the influence of strong liquor. He paid the cost and prayer for judgment was continued.

J. H. Boykin also plead guilty to driving while under the influence of liquor and by payment of cost prayer for judgment was continued.

The state took a nol pros with leave in the case of John Canaday charged with abandonment.

The state also took a nol pros with leave in a case against Needham Gurley charged with disposing of mortgaged property.

Mack Young plead guilty to resisting an officer, and prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of costs.

H. C. Woodall was tried for passing a worthless check but was acquitted.

Elmo Eason entered a plea of guilty to a charge of assault and prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of costs.

James Finney got a six months road sentence for house-breaking and for receiving stolen property to the value of \$10.20.

James Moore and Henry Joyner were tried for trespass. Henry Joyner was acquitted. James Moore upon conviction took an appeal to Superior court. His bond was fixed at \$75.

Mollie Hawley, Emma Hawley, and May Manning, white women from Kenly, were found guilty of operating an assignation house. They were committed to jail on sentences ranging from 2 months to six months.

KENLY SCOUTS TAKE SECOND PLACE IN RALLY

In the account of the scout rally in Goldsboro last week, which was published in Tuesday's issue of The Herald, Kenly was reported as having won third place in the contests. The Kenly scoutmaster, Rev. A. C. Summers, who has a copy of the official bulletin from Scout Executive W. W. Rivers, calls our attention to this error. Kenly won second place in the rally, as the following extract from the bulletin shows: "They came, they saw, they conquered." Troop No. 1 Snow Hill won the rally last night by two and a half points. This was a real rally and the scoutmasters of the troops taking part deserve a world of credit. The score was as follows: Snow Hill 18; Kenly 15½; Mount Olive 14½."

AUNT ROXIE SAYS

By Me--



Some big cyars have very little manners.

Result of Explosion of Carload of TNT



A box car on the Nickel Plate railroad, laden with TNT, was thrown from the tracks near Valparaiso, Ind., and the resulting explosion was heard for miles around. Twelve loaded freight cars were demolished and others partly wrecked, and two hundred feet of roadbed was torn up. The remnants of the TNT car are shown above.

Train 89 Hits Man At R. R. Crossing

JOHNSTON STILL LEADS IN COTTON PRODUCTION

Johnston county still holds supremacy in cotton production. It made 74,136 bales in 1925 as against 53,187 in 1924. The counties following Johnston with over 40,000 bales were Robeson, 60,914; Edgecombe, 41,661; Halifax, 57,926; Harnett, 47,990; Nash, 59,768; Sampson, 41,963; Wake, 51,265.

Dr. A. Vermont To Lecture In County

Will Show Slides of Paris at Kenly, Selma, Princeton and Smithfield

Johnston county folks will have the opportunity next week to hear an illustrated lecture by Dr. A. Vermont on a "Trip to Paris and other part of France." Dr. Vermont is a native of Belgium but has been in America for quite a number of years. He was a member of the faculty of the State University for some years, and is now professor of the Romance languages at Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C. For five years before going to Converse college he was superintendent of the Smithfield graded schools. He has been abroad several times since making the United States his home, two Smithfield young ladies, Miss Margaret Lee Austin and Mrs. Carlton Moran nee Miss Margaret Poup, accompanying him on one trip. His familiarity with France and other European countries will make his lecture intensely interesting, and Kenly, Princeton, Selma and Smithfield have a treat in store. He will be in Kenly Monday night, March 29; Selma Tuesday night, March 30; in Princeton, March 31st. The date for Smithfield is not yet definite but it will in all probability be Friday night, April 2. He will come to Smithfield under the auspices of the Business and Professional Women's Club and the lecture will be given in the courthouse, for the benefit of the hospital committee.

The trip begins in Paris, takes in a general view of the city, the boulevards, the great monuments, city life, etc. Next the scene shifts to wonderful Versailles the great royal residence of Louis XIV, the royal apartments, etc.

Next, a glimpse of the Alps, the famous Mount Blanc and the Grenoble section. These views are imposing and for sheer majesty do not have their real anywhere.

The travel party will go on to the southern part of France where there are such towns as Nice, Monaco, Monte Carlo, where the Blue, the Gold of the Alps merges into the azure of the Mediterranean waters. These slides are among the most beautiful Dr. Vermont has in his collection. The fact that the speaker has

Occurs at Third Crossing Between Smithfield and Four Oaks; Injured Man In Fayetteville Hospital

NOT EXPECTED LIVE

News reached here yesterday afternoon of another accident at a grade crossing between here and Four Oaks, when Mr. Norman Gaskins of Sea Level was hit by Passenger Train No. 89, and severely hurt. According to the message received here, Mr. Gaskins was hauling fish to Four Oaks, and had a trailer to his car with several hundred pounds of fish loaded on it. The train struck him as he was attempting to cross the railroad at the middle crossing just beyond Holt Lake.

Mr. Gaskins was placed on the train and at Four Oaks, Dr. J. H. Stanley rendered medical aid until the injured man could be taken to a Fayetteville hospital. The extent of his injuries is not known, but his recovery is perhaps expected.

SELMA CHURCH NOW BEING RENOVATED

Selma, March 25.—The interior of Edgerton Memorial church has been completely renovated, a thorough cleaning of lights, fixtures and windows followed by two coats of paint makes it look like new.

Plans are under way for a special Easter service and Easter music. The pastor, Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, preached a strong sermon Sunday morning on "Tithing," using as his text Malachi 3:8: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But say ye, wherein have we robbed Thee? In Tithes and offerings."

RAYNER PROPOSED AS REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN

Johnston county Republicans in session here Wednesday unanimously endorsed James Rayner of Benson for the position of Republican State Chairman. Mr. Rayner is a former State Senator and has long been active in the affairs of the Republican party in his county and section.

George T. Scott was elected county chairman for another two years and delegates to the State and county district conventions were named.

been to every one of the places which he will exhibit with very few exceptions, that he is thoroughly acquainted with the history of the country which he will treat will add new interest to the travel-talk.

The slides were made from photographs taken either by him or by friends, or they were purchased because of their sheer beauty, from others. They are all colored and they have cost the lecturer several hundred dollars. Nothing has been left undone to make them the most beautiful that could be obtained.

Bosses Guests Of Local B & P Club

Gilbert T. Stephenson Is After Dinner Speaker; Enjoyable Program

The after dinner speaker at the banquet given by the members of the Business and Professional Women's Club to their "bosses" Tuesday evening at the woman's club room, was Mr. Gilbert T. Stephenson, vice-president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, of Raleigh. More than fifty were present.

The program was in the hands of Miss Mary E. Wells, who acted as toastmistress on this occasion. A welcome song opened the program followed by the invocation by Rev. Chester Alexander. Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, president of the club, welcomed the guests, after which Miss Vera Sanders gave the report of the Education Committee and Miss Effie May Jones, the report of the Hospital Committee. A get-acquainted song prefaced a most interesting feature of the occasion that of introducing the "bosses." Clever take-offs and jokes characterized these introductions which were made by the young women whose employers were present. A toast to the "bosses" was proposed by Mrs. Jesse Coats.

Mr. Frank Stockdale, who has been holding a Merchant's Institute here was then presented and his remarks were thoroughly enjoyed.

After the last course of the menu, delightfully served by two circles of the M. E. missionary society, Mr. H. B. Marrow introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Gilbert T. Stephenson. Mr. Stephenson used as his subject: "The Far View of One's Job." He told the story of a man who coming across some workers in stone, questioned them as to what they were doing. "Just hammering stone," replied the first man. "I am getting four dollars per day," answered the second man. "I am helping to build a cathedral," said

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CITY MEMORIAL COIN TO BE AUCTIONED OFF

Mrs. W. M. Sanders, Stone Mountain Memorial Coin chairman for Smithfield, informs us that she is arranging for a mass meeting to be held in the courthouse next Tuesday evening in the interest of completing the drive in this city. She expects to have some speaker of prominence present, and at this time the city coin will be auctioned off. Only about half of Smithfield's quota of coins which is 380, has been sold up to date, and Mrs. Sanders is desirous that all the committees appointed get to work in order that we may go over the top by April first. All in the county interested in the Memorial Coin sale, are cordially invited to be at the courthouse on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.

Mrs. Sanders is giving a good deal of her time in promoting this campaign helping not only in Smithfield but at other places in the county.

Frank Stockdale Dies As Result Auto Accident

Discusses Questions Pertinent To Smithfield at "The Round Up" Wednesday Evening

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week Mr. Frank Stockdale conducted a Merchant's Institute in Smithfield, giving two lectures each day, and in addition conferring with those merchants who wanted special help in their business.

The first meeting Monday afternoon was a general meeting for merchants, managers and department heads. Monday evening Mr. Stockdale used as his subject: "Fussy Customers and Snippy Clerks." Tuesday afternoon he discussed "Profit Insurance" and Tuesday evening his topic was "Showmanship in Selling."

Wednesday was characterized by a particularly fine lecture on "Bugs in Business" delivered at the afternoon session, the evening being devoted to "The Round Up," at which time various questions were asked and answered.

"Balance is the biggest thing in business," stated Mr. Stockdale at the afternoon session, "and the man who runs his business without any 'bugs' is the one most likely to succeed." Mr. Stockdale called attention to several "bugs" which are hindering progress in retail business. The manager lost in the details of his business was particularly stressed. He stated that if the manager did the work of the janitor he was worth only the janitor's pay. He suggested that the manager's job was to plan his work and then work his plan. There is too much waste in getting trivial things done, according to Mr. Stockdale, and he cited the courts as an illustration. It would be interesting to learn just exactly what the cost to all concerned is, in trivial civil cases involving a relatively insignificant amount of money. He mentioned the "financial bug" which whittles down expense without regard to profit; the "bug" that has to do with records, the fearful "bug," the domineering "bug" and the buying "bug" and the selling "bug."

At the round-up in the evening Mr. Stockdale devoted the first part of the session to discussing the three empty stores of Smithfield. He said they were enough to demoralize the market. A ten per cent surplus in cotton will demoralize the cotton market; a ten per cent surplus in tobacco will do the same thing for the tobacco market. A ten per cent surplus of stores will go a long way toward ruining a town. Every merchant in town, he stated, ought to be interested in filling those stores.

Another pertinent question which he discussed was, How will Smithfield pay for its \$120,000 worth of paving? His answer was: The Retailers. The basic thing that builds Smithfield is the retail business, and then he discussed who is in the retail business. The merchants pay rent, therefore the landlord is in the retail business. The bankers handle the retail money, therefore the bankers are in the retail business and so on through the category of teachers, lawyers, doctors and others indirectly connected with the retailers. It will take \$400,000 worth of retail selling to pay for the paving, stated Mr. Stockdale, and he asked again the question, Who will pay for it? Those who spend their money in Smithfield will pay. It matters not where he earns his money—it is where he spends it that counts. Then the speaker led up to what he considers Smithfield's greatest and first need, organized effort—a chamber of commerce.

Colored Farmers To Meet

A meeting of the colored farmers will be held here tomorrow at 1:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the Johnston County Training School. Farm problems will be discussed and all colored farmers are urged to be present. Among the speakers on the program will be C. R. Hudson, state agent and L. E. Hall, district agent. The home economics agent will also be present and make a talk.

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Funeral of Miss Blackman in Selma Is Largely Attended; Young Woman Held in High Esteem

Selma, March 25.—One of the most largely attended funerals ever held in Selma was that of Miss Leone Blackman whose tragic death on Tuesday morning was the result of an automobile accident Sunday afternoon.

The funeral was conducted from the Baptist church by her pastor, Rev. C. H. Cashwell, assisted by Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, of the Methodist church, and Rev. A. M. Mitchell, of the Presbyterian church. Appropriate songs were sung by a selected choir. Rev. Mr. Cashwell read a scripture lesson and paid her a most fitting tribute. The high esteem in which she was held was evidenced by the remarks made by pastors of three other churches in Selma. A note of sympathy was read by her pastor from the colored people of town. Another beautiful tribute was paid her and sympathy tendered the family by the Philathea class of which she was a loyal member. Interment was made in the family burial ground near Selma. The beautiful floral offerings were placed on the grave by nephews and nieces and members of the Philathea class. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Joe O'Neil, Wilbur Perkins, William Creech, Bennett Creech, Bernice Talton and E. J. Sasser. A large number of people from Durham, Raleigh, Goldsboro, Pine Level and Smithfield attended the funeral.

Mrs. W. T. Woodard and Mrs. J. N. Wiggs attended a meeting of the home economics department in Mrs. Jane McKimmon's office in Raleigh last Thursday. A nutrition specialist from New York city lectured, followed by a talk on landscape gardening by Mrs. W. N. Hutt, of Charlotte.

Mr. Denny, of Neuse, spent Sunday in town with relatives. Miss Lillian Blackburn, of Durham, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Blackburn last week end.

Misses Sadie Fulghum, Vera Blackman, Mildred Creech and Velma Talton, who are students of E. C. T. C., Greenville, spent the spring vacation in Selma with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Jernigan and Mr. D. M. Thomas, of Dunn, Mr. H. T. Jernigan, of Pine Level, Mr. E. T. Hinton, from Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Jernigan, of Durham, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peedin Sunday.

Miss Anne Noble has returned from a visit to Mrs. S. C. Ives in Bethel.

Mr. H. T. Moye, of Goldsboro, was in the city Sunday.

We regret to chronicle the illness of Mrs. Monroe Brewer at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wade Brown.

Mr. R. J. Smith and daughter, Miss Zella, and Master Billie Smith visited in Goldsboro Sunday.

Mrs. Conrad Parker, of Princeton, was the guest of Mrs. A. K. Eason Monday.

Mr. DeWitt Wilkinson has returned to his home in Norfolk after a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wilkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wiggs spent Tuesday afternoon in Kenly.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brewer, of Princeton, and Mr. Leroy Bass, of Rosewood, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wade Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Etheridge shopped in Raleigh Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Younger spent Sunday in Raleigh with relatives.

Mrs. R. D. Blackburn and Miss Frances Moore attended the teachers assembly in Raleigh Friday.

Miss Anne Noble spent Monday in Raleigh.

Ginning Report

The tabulation of the card reports shows there were 74,136 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned and to be ginned in Johnston county from the crop of 1925 as compared with 53,187 bales for the crop of 1924.

"Golden Anniversary"



Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman has been pastor of the Central Congregational Church in Brooklyn for 25 years. The anniversary event was celebrated with a great ovation. President Coolidge sent congratulations. The congregation presented Dr. Cadman with a purse of \$25,000, a thousand dollars for every year of service.

Baptists Hold All-Day Rally

Dr. C. E. Burts Discusses Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists

Baptists of the Johnston Association held a rally at Smithfield last Tuesday. It was an all-day meeting, with representatives from a good many of the churches and with some of the ablest speakers of the denomination. The ladies of the Smithfield church served dinner. This was one of a series of such rallies at central points aiming to reach the Baptists of the entire State. The general work of the denomination was discussed, notably the Co-operative Program, which is the name given to general benevolent work, including all phases of missions, education and social service. Dr. C. E. Maddy, State Corresponding Secretary of North Carolina, presided over the meeting and discussed the work as a whole. Rev. W. M. Gilmore, Field Secretary for Eastern North Carolina, spoke on the several specific objects to which Baptists contribute. Mrs. Harris, of Raleigh, the newly-elected corresponding secretary of the State W. M. U. spoke on Woman's Work. Dr. R. T. Vann made a telling address on Christian Education. The most notable speaker present was Dr. C. E. Burts, General Director of the Co-operative Program for the entire Southern Baptist Convention. He discussed the general attitude of the denomination in the light of the present world situation. North Carolina, he said, is leading the nation in many ways. He spoke of the colossal sums which the State is now spending for roads and schools, and declared with great emphasis that, unless we match these outlays for material and intellectual progress by a like expenditure for spiritual advancement, our nation will be doomed. He quoted a recent authority as saying that the most dangerous enemy of man in the future will be insects—the most dangerous because they organize to fight man. Grasshoppers or locusts, by organizing, destroy a field in a day. The boll weevil insects by organizing threaten to destroy the greatest crop of the entire South. Baptists of the local church and of the entire South must organize, if they are to hold the leadership among the denominations of the South. The Co-operative Program is the finest example of organizing for a great end. Its aim is that all of the 3,600,000 Southern Baptists shall give every week to all of the seven objects embraced in the world program of Southern Baptists. Some of those objects are larger and more expensive than others; but not one of them is more important than another, just as a man said: "My coat and vest cost more than my trousers, but my trousers are just as important as my coat and vest." The school, the home, and the State, he said,

Princeton Band Gives Program

Princeton, March 24.—Last Sunday evening eight hundred citizens attended the Princeton band concert in the school auditorium. There were many cars from Goldsboro, Wilson, Kenly, Smithfield, Selma, Durham and all section of Johnston and Wayne counties.

The band will continue these Sunday concerts in the school auditorium about every two weeks until further notice. They will also play at many other places—on invitations—playing at Glendale on Wednesday night, March 31, in the Glendale school auditorium, and on Sunday April 4 at 3 p. m. in the Princeton school auditorium. One hundred members of the Ku Klux Klan in their white robes will attend this Sunday concert.

IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN MARKET HOUSE

Mr. W. L. Fuller, city clerk, and those who have headquarters in the Market House, are rejoicing over improvements in the arrangement of their office. The clerk's office has been enlarged, and a high desk across the room screens the public from the private office.

The space occupied by the City Market is also being renovated, with a number of beneficial changes. Partitions have been torn out, and a freer circulation of air is the result. New screens are being put up, and when the coat of paint is applied, the appearance will be greatly improved.

Contract Is Let For Town Paving

C. D. Rigsbee of Durham Makes Lowest Bid of \$2.55 per Square Yard Totalling \$127,847.40

The contract for the street paving which includes twenty-three additional blocks was let Wednesday by the town board, C. D. Rigsbee of Durham, making the lowest bid and receiving the contract. The contract calls for Lake asphalt at \$2.55 per square yard, which totals \$127,847.40. There were seven bidders besides Mr. Rigsbee as follows: Atlantic Bitulithic Company, Washington, D. C.; Noll Construction Company, Charlotte; Geo. R. Martin, Salisbury; Robt. G. Lassiter & Company, Oxford; G. L. Bobbitt, of Franklinton; F. J. McGuire, Norfolk; Simmons Construction Company, Charlotte. The bids ranged from \$2.93 to \$2.55 per square yard.

The new paving will include the following blocks: on Second Street from the old hospital to E. G. Smith's residence, and from the Methodist church to Mrs. F. H. Parrish's residence; on Third Street, from the armory to R. R. Talton's and from E. S. Abell to the city limit at S. B. Johnson's home; on Fourth Street, from Jo-Tex Filling station to Mrs. Lizzie Johnson's; on Eighth Street, from the new hospital to Market Street; on Hancock Street, from E. G. Smith's residence to the new hospital; on Johnston Street, from T. R. Hood's residence to the Baptist church; on Church Street, from E. S. Abell's to Mrs. W. L. Woodall's. This contract includes curbing and sidewalks where not already laid. The State Highway Commission will pay its proportionate part where routes 22 and 10 follow the town pavement.

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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 a white shirt, light colored pants, tan shoes. You were seen in front of the Western Hot Spot about 7:45 p. m. yesterday evening.

Miss Eva Johnson recognized herself in last Tuesday's Mirror.

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