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Destructive Fire At Insane Asylum

Nearly a Thousand Insane Persons Marched or Carried From Building Without a Casualty

Raleigh, April 10.—Dix Hill State hospital for the insane gave to state and city today a spectacular exhibition of "economy," when the south wing of ten wards, defenseless without sprinklers within, and pitiful in the water pressure from without, burned down before 50,000 people.

The state furnished the economy to the institution and the city gave to the premises its feeble little flow of water. The Omnipotent God must have furnished the deliverance; for with little stampeding, in hundreds of cases without even apprising the inmates of the destruction encompassing them, the attendants marched more than 600 people from the buildings and delivered them to places of safety where they remain tonight.

All kinds and conditions of men and women were led like a flock of sheep by the hand of some Moses and Aaron. There were all-American half-backs plunging and calling signals, there were nationally known newspaper men, and preachers galore. Some of them were real stars in the elder day and some, of course, mere residents in the house of bedlam. Some more of them were horrible derelicts, criminally insane, and scores were bedridden and unable to turn over. But all and sundry were picked up and carried out, the fierce ones were transported across the great hill to the state's prison, while the large body of them were marched over the beautiful lawn to the hospital court yard, where they stood five hours and watched the state's first asylum go down in a blaze that appeared never to have had any notion to give way to the men who did desperate battle with it.

Discovered in Ward Six. The fire was discovered in ward six at 12:45. For a few minutes the water ran well and confinement of the flames to this section seemed possible. In a few minutes the pressure was gone and the flames marched steadily toward the main building. Soldiers and college students had joined the firemen and delivery of the furniture after the patients was next undertaken. The great campus was literally filled with bed clothing, bureau, paraphernalia of every kind. The rescue work went on until the flames cut the wards off and then the great crowd could only stand and look on.

The marching out was one of the most orderly processes ever witnessed here and it is doubtful whether there is an ordinary school in the land which could have poured out its people with so little of confusion. Occasionally an inmate crouched in his room and refused to budge. A few made back for the fire and declined to come out until dragged out; but on the whole the delivery was perfect and not one of the scores of violent patients was lost in the scuffle for safety. The women patients all came out in perfect order.

The residents of the criminal insane colony were sent over to the state's prison in big bonded warehouse delivery trucks which put them all in the prison yard without hurt of any kind. The court

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AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Mc—
When my ole man loses his head the loss ain't staggerin'.

The Farmer's Voice



E. B. Reid, from the great mid-west, is now the American Farmer's voice in Washington, appointed to that post in December by the American Farm Federation.

Methodist Pastor Gives Plain Talk

Calls Attention to Local Conditions Not Ideal For Young People

"Something has happened that our boys and girls are slipping away from us, and landing in cess pools of vice and crime" declared Rev. A. J. Parker in his sermon at the Methodist church Sunday morning. "Men stop me on the streets and tell me of moral delinquencies that make my heart ache. But," said the minister, "these conditions are not peculiar to Smithfield alone. They are national in scope."

Then the preacher proceeded to discuss various contributing causes for such a condition. He fears that the moving pictures are a mighty force in popularizing much that we have to contend with today in the way of moral cancers. "Some," he said, "lay the blame at the door of the emigrant with low ideals. Some say there are too many laws. There are laws not enforced nor respected. The attack on the Eighteenth amendment to the constitution has hurt obedience to all laws. Some lay it to the slowness of the courts and the uncertainty of punishment for grave crimes. Some lay it at the door of our state school system—training the intellect and paying too little attention to morals. Others blame the press for featuring crime stories. Another accusation is the craze for money."

But in the opinion of the Methodist pastor the throwing off of personal restraint and responsibility is the chief cause for the conditions now existing as regards young people. Parental control, he thinks, is a rare virtue today. Boys and girls go wherever fancy call them, night or day and parents do not know their whereabouts. "If some of you parents could have seen your boy with others the other day" declared the preacher, "stealing down into the woods to hunt a fruit jar of bootleg liquor, your bridge game would not have been so interesting." If reports are true, according to the preacher, conditions on our main streets at late hours of the night are bad. It was stated in an open meeting recently, he said, by an unmarried man that he would be afraid to take a young lady through main street after eleven o'clock at night for fear of gross insult to her.

"Some ask why the town officials do not put a stop to it," Mr. Parker thinks the officials are as good as Smithfield wants but every efficient official must have the backing of the public.

"The reason citizens do not set themselves to break up these conditions is because of money. There is a cry from some source for a wide open town because places of business are open on the outside of town on Sunday. That kind of an argument would open every business house in town on Sunday. It will not help our morals any to be Sabbath breakers. A thing morally wrong cannot be made right by a town license. Smithfield is a splendid little city. We

Two More School Elections Called

May Operate Demonstration Farm in Cleveland; Authorize Building Operations

The board of education in a meeting held here yesterday called school elections at Kenly and Micro which will determine whether or not these schools will be high schools next year. The election called at Kenly calls for the consolidation of Kenly, Niagara and Hickory Cross districts. The one at Micro calls for the consolidation of Micro, Brown and Silverdale. A petition from the Jones school district presented to the board resulted in the authorizing of an election to determine whether or not the Jones school district shall be annexed to Smithfield.

The board of education has recently purchased twenty-six acres in Cleveland township to be used as a school site and in all probability a demonstration farm will be operated with Mr. A. M. Johnson, former county farm agent, in charge. This land was purchased from Dr. G. A. McLemore, Mrs. Mary F. Jones, Mrs. E. N. Booker, and Oakland church.

The board of education and the board of county commissioners in a joint session authorized the building of six additional rooms to the Four Oaks building. This building now has eighteen rooms and the new building will increase the capacity to twenty-four. Four new rooms were authorized at Corinth-Holders and the entire building is to be equipped with heat and sewerage. A deep well will be dug. The building at Corinth-Holders is an eight-room brick structure at present, but two rooms in the old building are now being used.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION MEETS HERE WEDNESDAY

The Republican Congressional convention for the fourth district will be held in Smithfield next Wednesday, April 14. This convention was scheduled for April 7th, but was put off until after the State Convention which met in Durham on the eighth.

JOHNSTON REPUBLICANS ATTEND CONVENTION

Johnston county was well represented at the State Republican convention in Durham last Thursday, according to Sheriff J. P. Parker and Treasurer George T. Scott, who were among those who attended. Forty or more from this county were present among whom were several ladies. Miss Luna Pearson and Mrs. D. T. Luneford were present from Smithfield.

Pisgah S. S. Now Standard

Mr. John A. Smith, superintendent of the Pisgah Baptist Sunday school, was in the city Saturday and showed us a banner that he had just received for his school, in recognition of the fact that it was a standard school. Pisgah has the distinction of being the first Baptist Sunday school in Johnston county to attain this standard. Among the requirements for a standard school is fifty per cent of the officers and teachers holding a Teacher Training diploma from the S. S. Board. Also, there must be separate class rooms for the classes. Last year Pisgah added six class rooms to the church. Rev. S. S. McGregor is pastor of the church.

Missionary Circles To Meet

The three circles of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church will meet Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the following places: The Yates with Mrs. T. C. Jordan; the Judson, with Mrs. H. G. Gray; the Lottie Moon, with Mrs. W. N. Holt.

need to clean it up and keep it clean. Our town needs more enterprises. We want to interest men of good character to become citizens here. Such as would be attracted by Sabbath violations, we would do well to let go elsewhere." Mr. Parker closed his sermon by calling upon the parents of his congregation to remember the words of his text: "Wickedness burneth like a fire."

Discovers New Element



Dr. B. S. Hopkins, Professor of Inorganic Chemistry at University of Illinois is the first American to discover a basic element. He finds No. 61. Of the possible 92 elements, 87 have been discovered so far.

Formal Opening Hospital Tonight

Dr. and Mrs. Orr Will Receive Visitors Between Hours of Seven and Ten—Express Thanks For Splendid Interest

The Johnston County Hospital is now completed and ready for occupancy and tonight Dr. and Mrs. Orr will receive visitors and show them over the splendidly equipped institution. The hospital will be open from seven until ten o'clock to any who wish to look the building over. A number of rooms and wards have been furnished by individuals, various organizations, and these will be designated by appropriate door plates.

During the past week the work of getting things in readiness has been going forward rapidly, a large portion of the furniture having been placed. The work on the grounds has resulted in quite a neat appearance and the promise later of grass, and shade and blossoms. The Civic department of the Woman's Club and the Boy Scouts have been instrumental in the planting of numerous shrubs and flowers, the response from the call for donations having been most gratifying.

Dr. Orr, on behalf of the hospital organization, desires to express thanks through these columns for the loyal support and the enthusiastic cooperation of those who have manifested their interest in the institution. Those who have contributed flowers and shrubs are too numerous to mention by name, but in addition there have been some cash donations among which is a check for ten dollars from Dixon Wallace, all of which the Hospital appreciates very much.

SMITHFIELD HIGH WINS HONOR GUILFORD COLLEGE

Miss Ila Lee Brady represented the Smithfield High School at Guilford College in the state-wide recitation and declamation contest held there on April 10. Miss Brady won out in the preliminaries held on Saturday morning. She recited, "Tommy's Prayer," giving it as a musical reading. In the finals Saturday night she was defeated by Miss Brower, of Winston-Salem High, who gave "The Little Newsboy." Mrs. A. R. Wilson, teacher of expression, accompanied her to Guilford. They were entertained in the college while there.

JUDGE BROOKS ON HIS GARDEN

"There's nothing better for the spring fever than to get out in your garden before breakfast and plow up the fresh ground," said Judge F. H. Brooks, of Smithfield, who was in Raleigh yesterday bragging about his radishes and Irish potatoes. "I've been eating radishes out of my garden for several weeks, and my potatoes are coming along in good shape. I'm looking for a good crop of vegetables."—News and Observer.

Complete Building At Pythian Home

New Superintendent On The Job of Giving Homelike Atmosphere To Institution

Not "The Home" nor "A Home" but just home, is how Mr. R. D. Jenkins, the new superintendent of the Pythian orphanage at Clayton, hopes to have the forty-four children who have been sent there, regard what is commonly known as an institution.

The Pythian Home was established at Clayton about fifteen years ago, but without doubt there are many in Johnston county who know but little about the only orphanage located within its borders. There has been only one superintendent before Mr. Jenkins, Mr. C. W. Pender, who retired from this position a few months ago, and who did a splendid work while directing the affairs of this Pythian undertaking.

The new superintendent who went to Clayton from Halifax county where he was Welfare Superintendent, appears to be well qualified for his job, and is very much interested in the improvements that are now being made at the home. A splendid new brick dormitory has just been completed at a cost of \$40,000, which will take care of about forty more children. The new building will be twenty-three boys now at the Home to enjoy their new quarters. A new laundry is to be built and equipped in the near future, and the main building which now takes care of the entire family is to be remodeled. The dining room will be made larger, and a brand new kitchen will be added to the house.

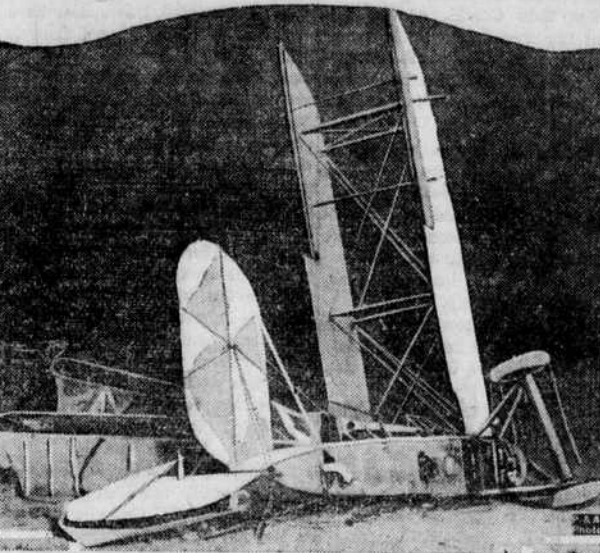
The Home is well located, a big lawn and shrubbery making the surroundings attractive and homelike, and the organization which is supporting this enterprise has every reason to be proud of its investment. Nearly two hundred acres of good Johnston county land form the tract on which the Home is situated, more than enough to produce the food crops needed to feed the family. Mr. Jenkins states that sixty acres will be farmed by the boys and girls with the help of perhaps one hired man, this year, the balance having been rented out. Already several acres have been planted in potatoes, a big lot of cabbage and onions set out, and ground prepared for beans and other vegetables. They also intend to raise some cotton. Five cows furnish milk for the family and thirty-six pigs are fattening for next year's supply of meat.

When asked if he expected to tend sixty acres and keep all of his forty-four children in school for nine months, Mr. Jenkins replied: "I certainly do. I shall keep the bigger boys who can plow, at home for a day at the time each, which will mean only about an average of a day and a half out of every school month, and it will not hurt them if they are worth anything at all."

"And while I am planting," states Mr. Jenkins, "I expect to plant a tennis court and a play ground." He evidently believes the old adage that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." The boys and girls at the home, with the exception of only one who is too young to go to school, attend the graded school in Clayton. They are a part of the regular public school system and take part in the school life. Three of the boys are on the baseball team. A systematic daily program gives time for study, for play, and for work in the Home and on the farm. Comfortable and busy and happy are the members of this big family.

Mr. Jenkins looks on his job as a "coach." The coach trains his ball players for team work in a game. Mr. Jenkins trains the boys and girls under his care, for team work in the game of life. With a spirit like that, the institution promises to become just what the superintendent, the board of directors, the Knights of Pythias would have it—a real home turning out men and women who will make the best kind of citizens.

This Mail Plane Hit a Horse



Old Dobbin was held responsible for the wrecking of one of Uncle Sam's air-mail planes while he was grazing on the Des Moines field when the west-bound ship from Chicago was landing. Pilot John Biffie escaped unhurt, but there was not much left of the plane, and not enough of the horse to photograph after the propeller hit him.

KIWANIANS WILL START DRIVE FOR NEW HOTEL

Bible School At Baptist Church

Plans to Be Made For Holding Daily Vacation Bible School This Summer

Last week Miss Sophia Berghauer, of Raleigh, Elementary Specialist in Sunday School work under the Baptist Sunday School Board, made a very interesting address at the Smithfield Baptist Church on the subject of the Daily Vacation Bible School. Those who heard her were enthusiastic in their response to her appeal to put on a Daily Vacation Bible school in Smithfield at some time this summer. A number who heard her volunteered their services as workers and there is prospect that all the details may be worked out, and the school actually launched. It is not clear as yet whether it would be undertaken wholly by the Baptist church, or whether those in the other churches who are interested might combine with the workers in the Baptist church and make it a community effort.

Miss Berghauer made it clear that the children of a community are always enthusiastic for the daily vacation Bible school, and the only question is whether sufficient workers will be available for a period of from two to four weeks of the vacation time. It would require about one worker to every ten children for three hours daily during the period.

Philatheas Meet

The Philatheas class of the Baptist Sunday school met Thursday evening at eight o'clock with Mrs. W. C. Pearce. After a short business session a social hour was enjoyed in which two contests were engaged in. Mrs. E. H. Dixon and Mrs. H. P. Howell were the winners and were presented with prizes. A delicious salad and ice course with coffee and wafers was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. C. M. Johnson.

Those present were: Misses Annie Myatt, Dora Barbour, Lallah Rookh Stephenson, Mrs. Cooper, Mesdames M. A. Wallace, D. W. Peterson, H. W. Hicks, C. M. Johnson, E. H. Dixon, H. P. Howell, S. T. Price, E. O. Matthews, E. C. Narron, W. H. Lassiter, A. M. Calais, Thomas Jordan, T. C. Henry and O. C. Cawley.

Improved Cotton

Work in improving the cotton varieties in North Carolina was begun fifteen years ago and from the great hodge-podge of varieties tested a few have been found to be worth breeding and improving.

Little Miss Julia Holt, of Princeton spent the week end here with her grandmother, Mrs. A. M. Sanders.

R. C. Gillett and R. P. Holding Captains of Teams To Begin Work on Project

Doing perhaps more things in an attempt to improve Smithfield and Johnston county than it has ever done in any one meeting, the local Kiwanis club got away to a flying start at its first meeting of the new quarter when it met last Thursday evening at the Woman's club. There was a large attendance and a diversified program.

The musical features of the evening were two solos by Miss Frances White and three solos by Mr. Theron Johnson. Miss White sang "Remember," by Irvin Berlin. Mr. Johnson's first number was "Always," singing "Memories" as an encore. In addition to this Mr. Johnson sang a clever song, "Show Me the Way to Go Home," accompanying himself on the banjo. This was the musical hit of the evening.

Mr. Herschel V. Rose, former county welfare officer, presented the case of a needy girl now in school in the eastern part of the state and asked the Kiwanis club to consider the matter and help him in this case. The matter was referred to the finance committee for their consideration.

Kiwanian A. M. Noble then brought a message from the board of directors. Briefly Mr. Noble reviewed a part of Smithfield's past, citing instances of her improvements along various lines. He then opened fire on the critics and knockers of the town, and called for a halt. Mr. Noble then laid stress on a need of Smithfield, that of a new hotel, and made a suggestion that the club immediately begin work on such a project, and that two teams be chosen to begin preparations. Later during the meeting President Stevens appointed two banker members of the club as captains of the two prospective teams, Messrs. Gillett and Holding. More will be heard about the hotel at an early meeting.

Mr. W. N. Holt brought to the attention of the club the need of a better tobacco organization than we had here last year. He briefly reviewed the plans of an interested "self-appointed" few, as he expressed it, and also laid stress on the fact that work must be started earlier this year than was done last year. Plans at present are to have a sale of business and personal membership cards, the former selling for \$10.00, the latter for \$2.00. In this way a great deal of money can and will be raised for the purpose of aiding the local tobacco market. The club endorsed the plan, and is awaiting an opportunity to assist in the sale of said memberships.

"Strawberries Are Late, Says Beddingfield," according to a headline. And so are dogwood, white perch and bass—doggone the luck.

Smith School Has Special Exercises

Junior Order Presents Bible and Flag; Pupils Give Entertainment In Evening

Friday was a red letter day in the history of Smith school. It marked the close of one of the most successful school years ever known in that district and the event was celebrated with the presentation of a Bible and flag by the Smithfield Council of the Junior Order and with appropriate exercises by the school children that night. A fine community spirit was evident on this occasion, practically all the families cooperating in the success of the day with their presence and by furnishing one of the sumptuous picnic dinners that community is noted for.

This school has been taught for the last two or three years by Miss Thelma Flowers, principal, and Miss Lucy Johnson, primary teacher, both of Knightdale. This was the culmination of work well done and the patrons were warm in their praise of these young ladies who have labored patiently and efficiently with their boys and girls.

The exercises began about eleven o'clock in the morning with Mr. J. A. Smith, president of the Parent-Teacher association, presiding. After the Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Chester Alexander, pastor of the Smithfield Presbyterian Church, the perfect attendance certificates were presented by Miss Mary E. Wells, rural supervisor of the county schools. In presenting them Miss Wells congratulated the children and praised the parents upon their children's faithfulness, mentioning especially the mothers who had had to put forth extra effort in order to get their children off to school on time during the winter months. These certificates were awarded to Marvin Laughter, Mary Smith and James Laughter. The prizes for the pupils making the most improvement, in penmanship went to Ruth Hobbs and Flora Lassiter. Last fall the Parent-Teacher association offered a medal for the best all-round pupils in each room this year, and Martha Langdon and James Laughter were the proud recipients of these medals.

The program was then turned over to the members of the Junior Order and Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of the Smithfield Methodist Church in a short address presented the Bible. Rev. Mr. Parker said that this is an age in which the study of the Bible should be emphasized and he urged the young people particularly to read it and to read it earnestly, not being indolent about it. He said it was a firm foundation on which to build high ideals and he gave illustrations showing the influence it had had upon the lives of young people. In presenting the Bible he asked the people of the community to mold their lives by it. Rev. Mr. Alexander accepted the Bible on behalf of the trustees of the school. He said that when the principles and precepts laid down in this Book are not taught in the schools and instilled into the hearts of the people, our country is in peril. "Where there is no vision the people perish." The Bible contains

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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 passed Herald office yesterday evening at 5:10 o'clock. You wore grey suit, grey cap and black slippers. You might have had a "running fit," judging by the pace you were going when you passed this office.

Mr. Levin Jones recognized himself in Tuesday's mirror.