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Blaze Threatens Business Section

Storage House Full of Hay and Corn Burns; Other Buildings Catch

Speaking against a brass band or a fire alarm is almost out of the question, as was evidenced here Sunday evening when the union service at the Presbyterian church was broken up when the fire siren gave the signal for a blaze in the business section of town.

A hay house used by the Austin-Stephenson company was found to be on fire, and the old frame building together with five tons of alfalfa hay made quite a spectacular blaze. Two hundred bushels of corn were also in the building.

The fire was first discovered by Mr. W. H. Meacham, who holds a position with the Austin stores and who was sitting on his porch almost in a direct line from the house that was burned. According to Mr. Meacham, the blaze suddenly burst forth from the roof, but it is not known how the fire started. The alarm was sounded and the fire department was soon on hand. Because of the absence of Mr. Hogwood, the fire chief, who had been called to Petersburg, Va., on account of the illness of his father, there was some little delay in connecting the hose, and because of the strategic position of the burning building near the Banner warehouse, a frame building that covers a quarter of a block, it was feared at one time that the fire might get beyond control. The Selma fire company was called and they responded in a splendid spirit. Faithful work soon curbed the flames and only minor losses were sustained. The northwest corner of the warehouse caught fire, but the damage has been estimated at only two or three hundred dollars. J. E. Gregory, proprietor of the five and ten cent store, lost a glass front which was in a storage house at the rear of his store, and also some merchandise which was stored. Fire was also discovered on the second floor of the Austin Department Store where some of the employes have their bedroom. Mr. R. E. Whitehurst knocked the door down and extinguished the flames which had burned some wearing apparel. Sparks caused an open window evidently caused the clothing to catch. Sparks were carried some distance, for the awning over Wallace Grocery company on Third street was burned up, and holes burned in the awnings of Huntley's and Vara L. Smith and company.

There was no insurance on the hay house but the other losses are thought to have been partly covered.

Mr. and Mrs. Kasey Move Friends of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Kasey regret that they are leaving this city where they have made their home for the past several years and will make their home in Greenville where Mr. Kasey has accepted a position. They left this week for South Boston, Va. where they will stay until the tobacco season opens in Greenville. Mr. and Mrs. Kasey have both been active in church and civic work here, and they will be greatly missed.

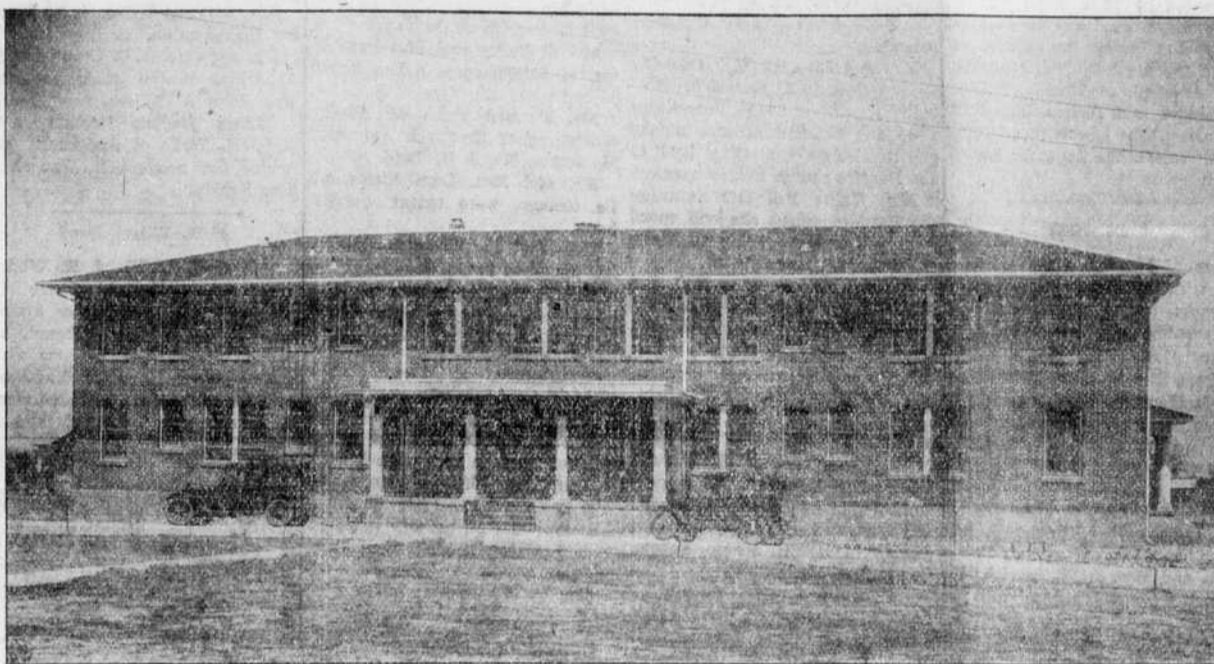
AUNT ROXIE SAYS

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My ole man tried to skur a yur-lin' wid a red han'cheif an' he hooked him smack in de hospital.

The New Johnston County Hospital Is a Credit to County



Facts About New County Hospital

Located on Two State Highways and Is Equipped With All Modern Conveniences

The accompanying cut shows Johnston county's new hospital which was opened here a few weeks ago. This fireproof modern two story building with basement is beautifully furnished and has all the latest equipment for the treatment and care of the patients. It will conveniently accommodate 35 patients, twelve nurses and the House Surgeon.

This hospital is located in Oakland Heights and is on Highways 10 and 22. Hancock Street and the highways will soon be paved, so the hospital will easily be accessible and most of the dust will be eliminated. The hospital property consists of about one and one-half acres and with the drive-ways and lawn, shrubbery, the large brick columns at entrance and exit of drive-ways and the paved walk to the front door, give it an attractive approach.

The building is almost completely furnished with memorial rooms. These rooms are:

- Two reception rooms furnished by the Junior Order A. M.
One ward by the Masons (five beds)
One ward by the Woman's Club and the Kiwanis Club.
One room, the Baptist Baraca.
One room in memory of the late Judge Stevens.
One room in memory of the late W. M. Sanders.
One room in memory of the late E. J. Holt.
One two-bed room by Miss Vara L. Smith.
The Baker Memorial Room.
The Naron Memorial Room.
The Myatt Room, furnished by Mrs. Ed Edmundson (W. A. Myatt room).
The Bettie Moore Noble Room.
The Miller Memorial Room.
The Hood Memorial Room.
The Wilson's Mills Room, furnished by Dr. C. W. Furlong.
The Colored Ward, dedicated to the colored people of Johnston county, Laura J. A. King, chairman.
The nurses' reception room, furnished by the Business and Professional Womens Club of Smithfield.
The Nurses' Dining Room, furnished by Miss Kittie E. Blue.

All the furniture is the Simmons' steel hospital furniture with the late patented Ford bed with crank to elevate the head or feet. It is all in mahogany. The Operating room is fitted with splendid high powered lights for operating all night, is tile 6-ft. high, has foot pedal control lavatory for scrubbing up before operation, has seven windows, the modern Bal-

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Music Students Present Programs

Prizes Are Awarded For Exceptional Work; Little Folks Orchestra Pleases

What have been characterized as the "best music recitals we ever had," were given in the high school auditorium Thursday and Friday evenings when Mrs. Cleotha Oakley and Miss Georgia Pearsall presented their fifty or more pupils in concert.

Mrs. Oakley had offered two prizes during the year. One was for the pupil who memorized the most pieces, and Miss Frances Massey was the winner. Miss Mattie Lee Grimes also did good memory and was given honorable mention. For the best work in every way throughout the entire year Miss Elizabeth Jordan was awarded the prize among the advanced pupils, and little Misses Nellie Gordon and Elizabeth Scher tied for first honors in the Beginners class, each being given a prize.

Thursday evening the program consisted of the following numbers: My Lesson Today, by Nell Thompson; Dolly's Asleep, by Vertice Ryals; Playtime, by Ruth Fitzgerald; On the Deep Sea, by Evelyn Talton; A Shady Dell, by Elizabeth Thornton; Daddy's Birthday, by Mozelle Crumpler; Tallyho, by Mattie Lee Whitley; Ride a Cock Horse, by Ruth Rose; When Dolly Sleeps, by Nellie Gordon; First Melody, by Clara Stevens; March, by Lillian Calais; Dreaming, by Charles Register; Oak Leaves, by Hilda Brown; Sweet Melody, by Elizabeth Peterson; Merry Heart, by Rachel Johnson; Duet, Fairy's Invitation, by Nellie Gordon and Elizabeth Scher; My First Trip, by Frances Jones; Bootlace Polka, by Elizabeth McLeone; Rosebud Waltz, by Rose Rafford; Song of Long Ago, by Julia May Patterson; Whistling Schoolboy, by Elizabeth Scher; Darky Dance, by William Norman Holt; The Haunt of the Fairies, by Esther Myatt; Bicycle Gallop, by Betsy Jordan; Mermaid's Song, by Edith Henry; Polka, by Mary Elizabeth Wellons; Morning Prayer, by Lunette Dixon; Cheerfulness, by Violet Jordan.

The program when about half over was varied by several selections by Miss Woodard's primary orchestra. This group of little folks always makes a hit. On Friday evening the program was as follows: At the Village Smithy, by Gladys Johnson; Pom-pom-pette, by Mattie Phillips; Lem-Kangowron, by Addie Barber; Love's Confiding, by Jeanette Holland; Duet--Joyous Return, by Elizabeth Jordan and Mary Ellen Lawrence; Titania's Dance, by Mildred Cotter; Butterflies, by Mattie Lee Grimes; Hungary, by Mary Ragsdale; Spring's Greeting, by Gladys Powell; Valentine, by Rebecca Royall; Madam

S.S. Convention Meet At Pisgah

Baptist Sunday Schools of the Johnston Association Will Hold Meeting Next Sunday

On Sunday, June 6, there will be a Sunday school convention of the Johnston Association at Pisgah Baptist church near Smithfield. The following program has been arranged:

- 10:00--Sunday School.
11:00--Value of a Graded Sunday School--L. L. Levinson.
11:15--Why Have a Sunday School Convention--Gladys H. Beck.
11:30--Sermon.
12:15--Adjourn for Dinner--on Grounds.
1:45--Two Minute Reports from each Church Represented.
2:00--Adoption of Aims for Year's Work.
2:10--The Hardest Point on the Standard and How We Met It. Representatives from Pisgah, 5 minutes; Representatives from Mt. Moriah, 5 minutes.
2:20--Organization and Roll Call.
2:45--Separate for Conferences. Main Auditorium, Round Table Discussion--Miss Beck. Class Room, Elementary Conference--Mrs. A. E. Bain.

Mr. Jordan Returns to This City

Mr. Lyndon Jordan who has conducted a business in Winston-Salem for some time, and returned to his native city and will take charge of the jewelry business of T. C. Jordan and Son. His friends extend the glad hand on his return.

Tom Tarheel says the best investment in fertilizer that he ever made was when he plowed under a nice growth of rye and vetch.

Pompadore, by Elizabeth Creech; An Indian Suite consisting of Indian love song--Sioux--Indian Love Song, Tobacco Dance--Crow, War Dance Song, by Hilda Peedin; Magot's Wooden Shoe, by Margaret Edmundson; Romance, by Mary Narcross; Duet--Polonaise Joyeuse, by Elizabeth Creech and Jeanette Holland; The Brook in the Forest, by Grace Smith; A Dance of the Rosebuds, by Elizabeth Coates; In a Haunted Cave, by Esther Alford; Fireflies, by Frances Massey; Dream Memories, by Mary Ellen Lawrence; In Love's Garden, by Elizabeth Jordan; Russel of Spring, by Marie Ann Stevens.

The program was varied by vocal selections rendered by two of Miss White's voice pupils. Miss Mary Narcross, sang two songs; Fairy Piper and From the Land of the Sky Blue Waters, and Miss Glenn Ward sang Nymphs and Fawns. The program closed with a chorus entitled "Good Night."

Eleven Girls In Reciter's Contest

Mayune Mazingo Wins Medal Offered in Micro School by Mrs. M. Hinnant

A crowded auditorium in the Micro school building Thursday was evidence of the interest which friends and patrons of that school took in the recitation contest engaged in by members of the high school. A gold medal was offered by Mrs. M. Hinnant, and eleven girls competed for this coveted prize. Each young lady did exceedingly well, but it remained for the last speaker on the program, Miss Mayune Mazingo, to so captivate the entire audience and the judges that she was named as the winner. Miss Mazingo gave a delightful portrayal of the mock wedding scene in "Mary Cary" up until this number Miss Louise Moser, who gave an incident from the "Bird's Christmas Carol," had probably impressed the audience most. Others taking part in the contest were: Katie Corbett reciting "A Barrel of Soft Soap"; Cretta Mae Sullivan, "Asleep at the Switch"; Rebecca Corbett, "Back in Squashville"; Julia Aycock, "John Maynard"; Maybelle Barden, "Aunt Jerusha Visits the City"; Pearl Fleming, "Poorhouse Nan"; Irene Peele, "Debutante"; Sadie Atkinson, "Spike Ramsey"; Irene Pittman, "What William Henry Did."

Music interspersed the numbers on the program. A declaimers contest had been held Thursday morning, and the winner, Millard Johnson, was announced at the evening entertainment. Also a medal was awarded Miss Louise Moser for writing the best essay on Lincoln.

DONNELL WHARTON TO WHATOUR THE WEST

Mr. Donnell Wharton leaves today for motor trip to California. He is accompanying his uncle and aunt, Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Rankin of Greensboro. They expect to be away until the first of September.

MRS. JESSE COATES BROADCASTS READING

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Coates left Sunday for Richmond, Va., where Mrs. Coates broadcasted over radio a reading last night as a part of a program put on by the East Carolina Chamber of Commerce. The Benson orchestra was also invited to give a number on this program. Mrs. Coates is an especially gifted reader and Smithfield is proud to be represented by her in this program featuring Eastern North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Coates were accompanied to Richmond by Misses Nellie and Lillie Coates.

Simmons Shows How Farmer Lose

N. C. Senator Says Farmer's Plight Due to Monopoly and Tariff Wall

Washington, May 27.--The desperate situation in which the farmer finds himself today "has been produced sometimes by the tariff, sometimes by monopolization and in many instances jointly by both," Senator F. M. Simmons declared today in the Senate in discussing the agricultural situation. Senator Simmons interrupted Senator McKellar, of Tennessee, who spoke at length on the agricultural situation. During his speech the question arose as to the high price of shoes which are not protected by the tariff and the low prices paid to farmers for hides.

"There are no articles of commerce produced by the farmer," said Senator Simmons, "or if any, very few that are now bought in the open market at as low a price as the hides of animals out of which these shoes are made. The price of hides in this country is so low that I know from actual experience that it is hardly worth the cost of stripping them from the dead animal and yet when that article is converted into a shoe, the shoe sells at a price that I should say, some 100 per cent higher than it did twenty or even 15 years ago. It is not the tariff that has done this. It is combination, a lawless combination in violation of express statutes of the United States, but a combination which is permitted to exist because that combination is composed of a few people who are able to pool their financial operations and their manufacturing operations and fix the price in the domestic market at their will. Only by organizing.

"If the farmer might do the same thing, Mr. President, either lawfully or unlawfully, he could likewise bring the price of his hides up to a level with the price of the product that is made out of them by this monopolized industry. The same thing is true and with reference to agricultural implements. They are on the free list, that is true, but Mr. President, that is another instance where the operation of the tariff does not help the farmer. It does not help him in the first instance because the very articles out of which these implements are made are upon the dutiable list, frequently at rates that are absolutely prohibitive against foreign importations; and that makes high the cost of material out of which this product is made. But that is not the only reason why agricultural implements do not get the benefit because of the fact that they are on the free list. Agricultural implements, like shoes, have advanced since the war even above the high peak price to which they attained during the war. How have those high prices been maintained? Mr. President, I answer, first through the tariff upon the raw material, and second, by combination, unlawful combination, a character of combination of which the farmer who uses the implements cannot avail himself because the farmers are so numerous that they have never succeeded in their efforts to pool their issues, their finances and their sales.

"If cooperative marketing had been successful to the extent that it had embraced in one great organization the farmers who are engaged in a certain line of production for the purpose of stabilizing prices of their particular products without the action of the tariff, the farmers who are engaged in a certain line of production for the purpose of stabilizing prices of their particular products without the action of the tariff, the farmers would have been able to maintain a level of prices equal to the level enjoyed by the people from whom they had to buy.

"There are the clothes of the farmer's wife and his children and dependents constituting a large percentage of the cost of living.

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Cotton Growers Hear H. B. Mask

A Discussion of Cooperative Marketing Features Dinner Meeting of Farmers and Business Men

Mr. H. B. Mask of Raleigh was the chief speaker at a dinner given at the Woman's Club room Friday evening in the interest of the cooperative marketing of cotton. Several loyal supporters of the cotton association made possible the occasion, and the splendid repast served by the ladies of the Woman's Club together with the music made by Messrs. Smith, Benson and Keen on the piano, violin and guitar created an auspicious atmosphere for the discussion of any topic.

Mr. B. E. Gardner, who lives near town, was master of ceremonies and he called upon Messrs. G. B. Smith, J. A. Smith and W. W. Jordan for short talks before introducing Mr. Mask who discussed at greater length the object of the coming together.

Mr. Mask spoke of the relation that ought to exist among the people of any community--a spirit of live and let live. He said that while he thought folks should patronize home markets as far as practicable, that after all it is the products that a community produces and sends away that brings back money to the community. Forty or fifty years ago, it was strongly advocated that farmers raise surplus crops to provide conveniences and luxuries. Now the farmer has reached a condition that the more he produces the less he is getting for it. Last year the cotton crop with its surplus was more of a curse than a blessing.

Farmers in the past have proven their ability to influence yield, but so far they have been unable to influence price.

Mr. Mask then told how the farmers could accomplish this also by assembling or grading their products and by applying merchandising methods. Farmers no longer sell chickens for so much a piece, they are sold for so much a pound, but cotton is still sold for so much a pound regardless of its grade. By applying merchandising methods, after assembling or grading the product sold at the point of consumption, will be sold on demand, and the owner will know more about the product than the purchaser, instead of the other way round.

The N. C. Cotton Growers Association operating on the principal just outlined, was stressed by Mr. Mask as the best medium for marketing cotton. The association is improving details of handling cotton all the time. He emphasized the fact that any successful methods of controlling price would necessarily be slow, and made the prediction that if the thoughtful men of the county backed the association, that in 15 or 20 years its influence would be a powerful factor in controlling the price. Sept. 1, 1927 ought to see 225,000 bales signed up in North Carolina, declared Mr. Mask, and Johnston county, the banner cotton county, should sign its quota of that amount.

A number of those present took part in the discussion that followed Mr. Mask's speech. Miss Emily Smith of Smith's school section, was the first to state that she was ready to sign the new contract. Others taking part in the discussion included Dr. G. A. McLemore, J. W. Stephenson, Paul W. Mack, J. E. Woodall, W. D. Avera, T. C. Young, and F. K. Broadhurst.

Mrs. Sarah Young Powell Dead

Friends here regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Sarah Young Powell which occurred at her home at Auburn Saturday night after a lingering illness. The deceased was 73 years of age. Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at Mount Moriah church. A son of the deceased, Dr. W. F. Powell, of Nashville, Tenn., is well remembered in this city, he having conducted a revival at the Baptist church several years ago.

Surprise Wedding Charlotte Couple

Ben Wellons Formerly of This City Weds Miss Frye; Spending Honeymoon in Canada

Charlotte, May 30.--Miss Annie Myrtle Frye, formerly of Carthage but recently of Charlotte, and Ben F. Wellons, well-known young member of the Charlotte bar, were married last evening at 7:30 o'clock by Rev. A. D. Wilcox, pastor of Trinity Methodist church at the Trinity parsonage, Jackson terrace.

The marriage came as a surprise to the friends of both bride and groom, no announcement of their plans having been made in advance.

Miss Frye is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Frye, of Carthage, Moore county. She came to Charlotte three years ago and has been connected with the executive office of the Hood Brick company since that time. She is considered a young woman of exceptional business acumen and splendid personality and has won scores of friends since coming to Charlotte.

Mr. Wellons is a native of Smithfield. He was educated at the University of North Carolina and studied law at the university of Virginia. He has been practicing law here since 1917. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wellons, of Smithfield, and is a member of the Charlotte law firm of Wellons and Wellons, in the Latta arcade.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellons left last night for a honeymoon trip to New York and Canada. On their return in about ten days they will reside at a hotel for a while and will later enter a new home Mr. Wellons has acquired on East Morehead Street, opposite the Woman's Club.

FINALS OF JOHNSTON COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL

The finals of the negro school here begin Friday night, June 4, with an operetta entitled "Peter Rabbit" by the primary grades. On Sunday June 6, at three o'clock in the afternoon the annual sermon will be preached by Rev. B. B. Evans of Chase City, Va. Monday evening a high school play will be given and on Tuesday the grammar grades will present a program.

The senior class day exercises will be held Wednesday evening, and on Thursday evening, June 10, the graduating exercises will be conducted. Rev. James E. Jones, of Henderson, will deliver the literary address.

KENLY BOY KILLED BY FAST A. C. L. TRAIN

Kenly, May 27.--This afternoon about 2:15 o'clock, the seven-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Hinnant, of Kenly, was instantly killed when he stepped in front of Northbound Atlantic Coast Line Train No. 80.

The little boy with an older brother about 11 years old was on his way home from school. Number 80 was running late and it passed No. 89 Southbound train in Kenly. The children were watching the Southbound train and did not see the Northbound train. As soon as No. 89 passed, the small boy stepped on the track directly in front of No. 80.

The lad was popular among his school mates. He is survived by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

A Tantalizer

There is exactly enough left the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher their name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present them with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. You must bring copy of this paper in order to secure ticket.

ejgnrdoo Dora Barbour recognized her name in last issue.