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Attempt Robbery At Grant's Store

**Safe Is Blown Open But
Money Drawer Remains
Intact**

An attempted robbery took place near Brogden's school early yesterday morning when the safe in Jesse Grant's store was blown up. According to folks who live in the neighborhood there was more or less passing in that vicinity of and on throughout the night, and between three-thirty and four o'clock an explosion was heard followed by a crash of glass that woke the family of Mr. J. B. Gardner. Mr. Grant's store is just across the road from Brogden's School. He operates a filling station and from the sales of Saturday and Sunday he had perhaps a hundred dollars in silver and currency besides checks in his safe.

After hearing the explosion, it was perhaps three quarters of an hour before Mr. Grant went to his store, and when he got there he found the outside door of the safe blown off, but the inner door was wedged so tight that the would-be robbers had to leave without securing any loot. Mr. Grant had heard the explosion but had paid no attention to it, and it was when he went to open up for the day's business that he discovered the attempted robbery.

GROWING BULBS IN NORTH CAROLINA NEW INDUSTRY

The growing of narcissus bulbs stimulated by the embargo on these plants which became effective on January first of this year is increasing in popularity among the farmers of eastern Carolina.

The center of this new industry is between Goldsboro and Willard. Here the Station has an acre planted to different varieties of the bulbs and studies are being made as to the culture, fertilization and care of the bulbs. It is estimated that the preliminary planting in the district amounted to fifty acres. While this acreage is small compared to an ordinary planting of cotton or corn, it must be considered, say experiment station workers, that it takes 65,000 bulbs to plant one acre on the American plan. The bulbs used at the Coastal Station cost \$1400 and not so many of the more expensive varieties were used.

Much of this planting was done three years ago when it became known that an embargo would be placed on the bulbs from Holland. Consequently, some of the growers will be ready to harvest the first crop of bulbs this summer. The bulbs are harvested about the last of June, are graded and then cured. They will be ready to market in September and should be planted at least by October to secure the best plants and flowers the following season.

According to Fred E. Miller, in charge of the Branch Station farms, the cut flowers will return a profit of around \$300 an acre annually while the new bulbs are being grown to maturity. This more than pays the cost of maintenance and interest on the investment with a small profit remaining.—Southern Farmer.

Heard at the Hospital

"Did your friend completely recover from his broken leg?"
 "No, complications set in."
 "How so?"
 "He married his nurse."

AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Mc—



De reason folks dont luv one another deys too bizy courtin' dizyars.

Chauncey Depew



Few men have enjoyed the public favor and esteem that have been showered upon Chauncey Depew famous after dinner speaker. The former senator and railroad president has all thru his eventful life been America's greatest exponent of optimism.

Great Gathering Of Farm Women

**A Thousand Men and
Women From Franklin
County Expect To Attend
Federation on July
28 at Raleigh**

Raleigh, July 19.—The efficient farm woman who studies in her home demonstration club the latest facts about the kitchen, the garden, the yard and the home will be a feature on the program of the State Farmers' Convention held at State College on July 27, 28 and 29th.

"We are expecting a great gathering of farm women at the meeting of the Federation of Home Demonstration clubs to be held during the time of the Farmers' State Convention," says Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, assistant director of extension. "Mrs. Kate N. Nash of Franklin county writes me that a thousand men and women will come from her county on Wednesday, July 28, to attend the meetings and to do honor to the President of the Federation, Mrs. T. H. Dickens of Franklin county. We have an unusually strong program prepared and this with the demonstrations and exhibits should make the meeting of value to all farm women in the state."

Mrs. Dickens will address the joint meeting of farm men and women on the opening morning, July 27, at 11 o'clock. In the afternoon Mrs. Dickens will extend greetings to the assembled women in the federation meeting. Following her address, the women will get to work on the program and will hear feature talks from leaders as well as reports from various sections of the state. The kitchen as an efficient workshop, serving well balanced meals, how a garden prize was won, marketing home products, meaning of the home demonstration club and many other kindred topics will be discussed by women who are taking an active part in such work.

The State Federation of Women's Clubs will be represented in the program and inspirational addresses by Hon. Joseph Daniels, Dr. Clarence Poe, Dr. A. M. Soule, Dr. E. C. Brookes and Dr. A. J. Clover will feature the joint meetings.

SOW KILLED FOX THAT ATTACKED HER FAMILY

A story which portrays mother love and devotion, even though it hinges around a hog and a fox, has reached Clinton. It occurred Wednesday of last week on the farm of E. H. Westbrook of this county. Mr. Westbrook had a sow and several young pigs in a pasture near his home. He heard the pigs crying aloud as if anger was lurking about, and it was. Members of the family hurried to the scene and saw a fox attempting to attack the pigs. The mother sow engaged a winning battle, however the fox was put to death. The sow managed to get a mouth hold on the sly old fox and never let loose until she had shaken the life out of his foxship. This is an unusual story, to say the least, but members of the Westbrook family vouch for its truthfulness.—Sampson Observer.

Social Events In Town Of Benson

**Mrs. Weinges Hostess At
a Garden Party; Church
Organizations Have
Socials**

Benson, July 17.—Mrs. Howard Weinges entertained the Dainty Dames Club and a number of guests Thursday evening at 6 o'clock at her residence on Main Street with a beautifully appointed Garden Party. The garden was attractive with blooming flowers, seats and potted plants. The guests were greeted by Mrs. Weinges and served punch. They were then directed to the back of the garden where you found your partner by attractive Dainty Dames cards. Birds' nests of various colored crepe paper filled with candy eggs were hidden in the garden and the guests were asked to find one and tell what kind of a bird built the nest. Miss Sarah Turlington won the prize in a contest on naure. An ice course with cake was served. There were about 50 guests present.

Miss Irene Hudson gave a kitchen shower Thursday evening for Miss Sibyl Goodrich, bride-elect. A variety of garden flowers were used in the decorations.

Hearts dice was played at six tables. Miss Mable Johnson made top score and was presented a cake box which she presented to the guest of honor, Little Miss Naomi Stone, dressed in white, entered with a wagon attractively decorated in white crepe paper, filled with a number of useful utensils for the kitchen. Sandwiches and iced tea were served. The favors were large peanuts filled with salted peanuts.

Miss Elizabeth Rackley and Masters W. F. Smith and Edward Whittenton celebrated their respective birthdays at their homes this week with attractive parties. Games were enjoyed, refreshments served and attractive favors given at each party.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church held its July meeting with Mrs. W. R. Denning. The topic was: What is the challenge in the Anti-Christian education movement in China? Mesdames A. S. Oliver, P. D. Johnson, W. B. Woodall and J. A. Parker made talks on the subject. During the business session several things for the betterment of the auxiliary were discussed. The hostess served sandwiches and iced tea.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Strickland are spending some time at Morehead and Seven Springs.

Rev. A. T. Lassiter of the Polenta section was in town Saturday shaking hands with friends.

Mrs. Paul Johnson has as her guests Miss Juanita Hatfield of Florence, S. C.

Mrs. Decker Creech gave a weiner roast at Holt Lake recently in honor of her sister, Miss Annie Turlington, who is visiting her.

The T. E. L. class of the Baptist church held an interesting meeting Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Parlia Hudson. Mrs. J. F. Woodall, president, presided and conducted the devotional exercises after which a brief business session was held. Mrs. J. L. Hall resigned as assistant teacher, and Mrs. J. W. Whittenton and Mrs. L. E. Stevens were elected as assistants. Mesdames E. H. Dixon, M. A. Peacock, Frank Hedrick, H. A. Parker, J. E. Wall, J. B. Benson and R. B. Brady gave a splendid program on brief sketches of the life of Moses. The hostess served ice cream and cake.

Drug Store Now In New Quarters

**Creech's, The Dependable
Drug Store, New Name
of Old Concern**

Business changes are continually taking place in Smithfield, and the changes all point to a period of prosperity. The latest move is that of the Creech Drug Company. Instead of being known as The Creech Drug Company this firm in future will be "Creech's, The Dependable Drug Store." Mr. D. Heber Creech is still proprietor but the business moves to a new location. Instead of being located in the Bank building this drug store may now be found on Third street next door to Rose's five and ten cent store in the place formerly occupied by the Wallace Grocery. The building has been completely overhauled and the new quarters of this old firm are quite attractive. They are still adding conveniences and comforts but a genial force of clerks is ready to serve their customers as of yore. In the store with Mr. Creech are Mr. Tom Stallings, Mr. Durwood Creech and Lemuel Creech.

The building just vacated by this drug store has been purchased by the First and Citizens National Bank, and will be used to enlarge the quarters of this institution. Work, we understand, will soon begin toward making this additional room serve the needs of the bank.

Drinks Kerosene

Selma, July 15.—Little Al Wilson the 20-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Wilson, while playing in the back yard last Friday afternoon found a bottle containing about two ounces of kerosene and drank it. Dr. J. B. Person was called in and gave him prompt treatment. While the parents were much concerned no ill effects followed, and the little fellow was playing around as usual the next day.

Baptists To Go On Picnic

Members of the Smithfield Baptist church and Sunday school are asked to meet in front of the courthouse next Friday afternoon at 3:30 with well filled baskets to go to Holt Lake on a picnic. This is the annual Baptist picnic, and the membership is urged to join in this outing.

Revival to Begin at Bethesda

A series of meetings will begin at Bethesda Baptist church next Saturday. There will be an all-day meeting and everybody is asked to carry dinner which will be spread picnic style.

Bang!

An Oklahoma Indian who came into a fortune through oil, bought a high-powered car and set out to see things. The next day he returned to the sales agent, limping, with face and hands bruised and body badly battered. To the query: "What's the matter?" he replied: "Drove out big car. Bought gallon of moonshine. Took drink. Trees and fences go by heap fast. Pretty soon see bridge coming down road. Turn out let bridge go by. Bang. Car gone. Gimme 'mother."

Appropriate

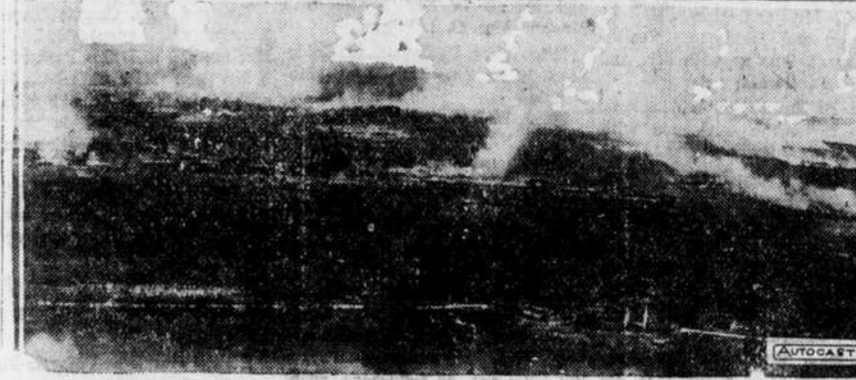
A colored minister was endeavoring to complete in dramatic style his sermon on the benefits of prohibition. In conclusion he said: "Now, all de brethren what believes ev'ry drop o' liquor should be poured into de rivah will please come forward, while de choir sings a suitable selection."

And the choir responded promptly by singing: "Shall We Gather at the River?"

Here It Is Again

A nervous passenger on the first day of the voyage asked the captain what would be the result if the steamer should strike an iceberg while it was plunging through the fog. "The iceberg would move right along, madam," the captain replied courteously, "just as if nothing had happened." And the old lady was greatly relieved.—Tid-Bits.

Scene in New Jersey Where Navy Arsenal Blew Up



For a radius of 25 miles wreck and ruin was at every turn following the terrific two day bombardment caused by fire at the navy 500 acre arsenal at Lake Denmark, N. J. More than 30 lives are known lost and hundreds injured. The camera-man risked his life for this photo—while big shells were still bursting.

Atlanta Banker Commits Suicide

**Death of J. R. Smith
Comes As Climax To
Closing of 85 Banks In
Georgia**

Atlanta, July 16.—The bankruptcy proceedings of the Bankers' Trust Company and the subsequent closing of eighty-five of the chain of 120 banks in Georgia and Florida, which it served as fiscal agent, today was climaxed by the suicide of J. R. Smith, president of the Atlanta Real Estate Board and a director of the Bankers' Trust Company.

Other developments of the day included the issuance of an order by Judge G. H. Howard, in Fulton Superior Court, calling for an investigation into the affairs of the Bankers' Trust Company by the Fulton County grand jury and the Atlanta district solicitor general. Officials of the State banking departments were instructed to have their reports ready for presentation to the grand jury Tuesday.

M. B. Welborn, Governor of the Sixth Federal Reserve District, issued a statement declaring that the general banking condition in Georgia was better than it had been in years. He attributed the suspension of the smaller banks in the state to a thing apart from the economic conditions of the state.

"The crop in Georgia is virtually made," Governor Welborn said "and the suspension of the small country banks this week should have no material bad effect on the general prosperity of the state. It is likely that a good many of these banks may resume business in a short time, after they have reorganized and made other arrangements."

"Their closing in many instances was a precautionary measure for the protection of depositors and to form other connections."—Associated Press.

Analysis of Water

Serial No. G 1633.
 Sent by City Clerk.
 Location, Smithfield, N. C.
 Source, Hood Bros.
 Marked, Town of Smithfield.
 Collected 7-14-26.
 Received, 7-15-26.
 Reported, 7-17-26.
 Sediment: 0.
 Color: 10.
 Turbidity: 0.
 Odor, cold: 0.
 Odor, hot: 0.
 Total Hardness: 14.3.
 Alkalinity: 19.
 Alum: 0.01.
 Chlorides: 7.5.
 Nitrates: 0.
 pH: 6.4.
 B. coli in 1 c. c.: 0
 B. coli in 10 c. c.: 0
 B. coli in 50 c. c.: 0
 Total bacterial count per c. c. at 38 degrees C.: 50.
 Count on lactose litmus agar per c. c.: 2.
 Acid-producing bacteria per c. c.: 0.
 C. A. SHORE, M. D., Director
 J. W. K., Analyst

An attractive roadside market will appeal to the hot, tired traveler and offers a good opportunity to sell surplus produce, find many farm folks in North Carolina.

To Organize Big County Brass Band

All the musicians in the county (Johnston) are invited and urged to be present at a meeting to be held in the court house at Smithfield Thursday night, July 29, for the purpose of organizing a Big Johnston County Brass Band. Wm. C. Lassiter, director of the Riverside Srenaders of Smithfield, is at the head of this attempt to have a big band in the county. A large band of this kind would be a great addition to the county. All musicians who are interested in becoming a member of this proposed organization should write Wm. C. Lassiter, Smithfield, N. C., for further information.

Pine Level Farmer Finds Oil In Pump

Mr. J. W. Barnes of Pine Level, route 1, was in the city Saturday and showed us about a quart of water from a pump on his place which had a thick scum of oil on top. The water came from a pump in his field from which he waters his stock. He has noticed oil on the top of this water for about two years. After it sets for about an hour the oil will rise. Mr. Barnes is not sure that he has a prospective oil well on his place but he is interested enough to make some investigations. He expects to take some of the water to the State Department at Raleigh for an examination.

CLAYTON CITIZENS JOIN ORDER OF MOOSE

Twenty citizens of Clayton came to Raleigh Wednesday evening and were initiated by Raleigh Lodge No. 1318, Loyal Order of Moose. A dozen or more from the same town who had been elected were unable to be present and will be initiated later. The class embraced the leading business men of the town. W. I. Whitley, department store proprietor, and Mr. Pender, for 15 years superintendent of the Pythian Home at Clayton, made interesting talks after their initiation.

Automobile Ten Commandments

1. Thou shalt learn to recognize railroad crossings and approach them with extreme care.
2. Thou shalt look both ways and listen for trains.
3. Thou shalt be double alert if there are two or more tracks.
4. Thou shalt always use good judgment at railroad crossings that thy days may be long upon the land and the enjoyment of thy car continuous.
5. Thou shalt keep thy brakes girded with effective brake lining.
6. Thou shalt not kill the passengers within thy car.
7. Thou shalt not depend upon the driver of the car ahead.
8. Thou shalt not try to "beat the train."
9. Thou shalt when in doubt, take the safe course always.
10. Thou shalt cross crossings cautiously.

It is easy to grow an education for the child by caring for the farm woodlot now.

Boy Is Knocked Down By Auto

**Western Union Messenger
Boy Hit by Packard Car
Owned by S. A. Braxton, of Raleigh**

What came near being a serious accident occurred on the streets of Smithfield Saturday afternoon when an automobile belonging to S. A. Braxton of Raleigh, collided with a bicycle on which Wade Hathaway, Western Union messenger boy, was riding, knocking young Hathaway to the ground, stunning him for a time.

The boy had been to the post-office and mailed some letters and had just mounted his wheel to go back to the Western Union office. Mr. Braxton, enroute to Raleigh from Camp Glenn, driving a Packard car was going very slowly in front of the Sundry Shoppe. When the driver of the car saw the boy in his path he stopped the car before it went its length, but the boy was caught between the auto wheel and the bumper. The car did not pass over his body, and an examination at the hospital where he was immediately carried, revealed no serious injury. He was stunned for a time from hitting his head on the pavement.

Young Hathaway is the fourteen year old son of Mr. George Hathaway of this city. He was taken to his home a short time after the examination and after a few days' rest will probably be back at his post. He suffers some with his head now.

H. S. Powell Attends Convention

Mr. H. S. Powell of Smithfield, local Frigidaire dealer, has been invited to attend a one day district conference with representatives of the Delco-Light company, to be held July 19 at Greensboro. Latest improvements in various Frigidaire electric refrigeration models will be explained and full details of the company's \$20,000,000 expansion program will be given at this conference.

"We find the growing popularity of electric refrigeration is caused by the fact that it gives a new way of doing an old thing better," Mr. Powell said today. "With a Frigidaire in the house there are no inconveniences such as waiting for an outside city supply, no troublesome odors and no foods spoiled by inadequate refrigeration."

House Party at Wilmington Beach

A party left yesterday for Wilmington Beach where they will spend this week enjoying the ocean breezes and other attractions of the seashore. Those in the party were: Mrs. J. W. Sepsenhon, Mrs. F. H. Parrish, Miss Sarah Parrish, Miss Corinne Parrish, Miss Annie Laurie Thompson of Benson, Miss Lallah Rookh Sepsenhon, Miss Mary Barbour, Miss Carrie Parrish, Mr. Charlie Daniel of Weldon, Messrs. D. W. and Lawrence Parrish of Benson.

Hudson-Belk Joins Closers

Hudson-Belk, the new department store just opened up here, has joined the other merchants in town in closing their places of business each Wednesday afternoon during the summer months.

Methodist Pastor On Sunday Laws

**Emphatically Opposed To
Opening Filling Stations
in Smithfield On
Sunday**

Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of the Methodist church, in his sermon Sunday morning, did not mince words in stating his position as being emphatically opposed to the opening of filling stations in Smithfield on Sunday. The sermon was provoked because of a resolution introduced at the last regular meeting of the town board permitting filling stations to remain open and which will be passed on at the next regular meeting, on Tuesday evening, August 10.

The preacher chose for his text the words from Exodus: "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil," and he undertook to show how following the crowd is not always the right way. "The one thought that is in the minds of the masses," said Mr. Parker, "is how to have a good time, and still keep within the bounds of respectability in the eyes of the public. These good times, as the world measures good, cost money, and because such bills must be met with cash, is one of the reasons why past store accounts go unpaid. It is nothing new for a wife, in order to move in certain circles, to spend more money on an afternoon party than she has given to the support of the kingdom of God in a year.

"How does this look?" the preacher asked. "Five dollars for the church budget for a whole year, and \$25 for one evening party. Because a thing is popular does not make it right, or even decent; nor does the fact that there is money in a given business spell righteousness or make for a better citizenship.

"In order to help Sunday joy riders," stated Mr. Parker, "there is a request from some quarter to open the filling stations in town on Sunday. Sunday is the filling stations' big day. These men are in a laudible business and they are entitled to a reasonable profit for six days in the week. But they are not justifiable in opening up on Sunday, which God said shall be a day of rest and worship. They say that the filling stations outside of town are open and it is not fair to them if they are compelled to stay closed, but the preacher knows of no law to keep them from going to the country. However the open filling stations in the country are breaking the law every time they sell gas or oil on Sunday. There is a law on the statute books that forbids any man working at his usual vocation on Sunday, and lays a fine for violation. Mr. Parker then asked the question: "Can the town make ordinances that conflict with our state laws?"

After stating his position on the question he proceeded to show how the rise and fall of morals of every neighborhood is traceable to some individual, and cited instances from his own experience. At the evening hour, Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, pastor of the Methodist church in Selma, delivered a very forceful discourse on "The Incomparable Jesus." Rev. Mr. Parker preached in Selma in the tent used for the series of revival services now in progress there.

Special music characterized both morning and evening services. Mrs. N. T. Holland sang a solo in the morning and a trio by Messrs. Paul Eason, W. C. Coates and Marvin Woodall as much enjoyed.

A Tantalizer

There is exactly enough letters in the line below to spell 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.

flatatwyecne
 Jim Wiggs recognized his name last issue.