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SMITHFIELD NEEDS:

- Daily Meat and Milk Inspection
Bigger Pay Roll.
A Modern Hotel.
Renovation of Opera House.
Chamber of Commerce.

- JOHNSTON COUNTY NEEDS:
County Farm Agent
Better Roads Feeding Highways
Equal Opportunity for Every School Child
Better Marketing System
More Food and Feed Crops

Thrifty Farmers Commits Suicide

L. V. Langdon Ends His Own Life With Shot Gun Monday Evening

The Smith School community was shocked Monday evening when it was learned that Mr. L. V. Langdon, a prosperous farmer of that section, had shot and killed himself.

According to a statement of his wife he had been threatening to take his own life for several days before the tragic deed was accomplished. It is said he dressed himself three times on Saturday and led those in the home to believe that he was going to kill himself with a razor. His family did not pay any attention to his threats not believing that he would actually do himself any harm.

On Monday evening around 8 o'clock he got his rifle and threatened members of the family. They left home all except the youngest child who was asleep, and after going some distance they heard a gun fire. They were afraid to go back and went to a neighbor's for help. The neighbors came to Smithfield for the sheriff, and it was the officers who found the dead body of Mr. Langdon, on a tobacco truck some little distance from the house.

The reason assigned for the act is worry over the fact that he had deeded his farm to his wife several years ago after joining the cooperative association, and that recently he had endeavored to get it back in his own name, but his wife refused to relinquish the deed. An unusually good crop is said to be growing on the place this year.

The deceased besides his wife leaves seven children, Violet, Connie Stuckey of Goldsboro, Mierle, Velma, Stella, Louise, Willard and Gilbert.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at the home and interment was made in the Langdon family graveyard.

Picnic at Crescent Lake
Celebrating the last half-holiday of the season, Mr. Charles Davis with his entire force of employees, their families, and a few friends invited by the employees, spent a most enjoyable afternoon at Crescent Lake near Goldsboro last Wednesday. They found that "the water was fine" and most of the party went in bathing. After an hour or two of this invigorating sport all were able to do full justice to the delicious barbecue feast which had been prepared for them.

Those present on this occasion were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Naron and sons, Alvin and Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. Raiford Oliver and son, Mrs. Clifton Bessley, Miss Ruth Brown, Miss Bettie Straughn, Mr. Bernard Davis, of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Easley, Mrs. Howard Radford, with children, Rose and Howard, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis with their house guest, Miss Bettie Ward of Baltimore.

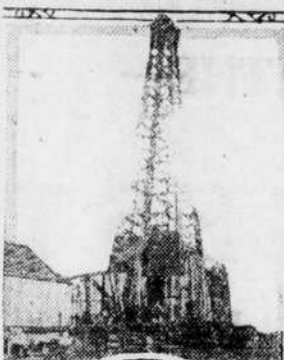
During the summer, in accordance with an agreement made with the other merchants of the town, the Davis stores have been closed every Wednesday afternoon. From now on, with the usual busy fall season at hand, the stores will be open all day every day in the week.

"In other words," butted in the smart student, "the more one sits, the less one can stand."

AUNT ROXIE SAYS

By Mc--
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Don't think that you're better than anyone else, Don't try all their failings to find; Remember, if others should do this to you, You would think that they were more than unkind.
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Discovers Nebraska Oil



After hope had almost vanished, oil has been struck at Caropbell, Nebraska. Here is shown the first paying well in the state. The golden flood was located by the new invention of A. J. P. Bertschy (lower photo) of Omaha. The device has proven a scientific marvel.

Negro Child Dies From Poisoning

Three Others Sick After Eating Spoiled Canned Goods While Playing Cooking

News reached here Saturday that a negro family at Pine Level had been poisoned and one was dead, but the facts were not verified until Tuesday. It seems that four children of Dan Taylor, colored, of Pine Level, were playing "cooking and eating" last Thursday afternoon and found some spoiled canned goods that had been thrown away. They all ate of the spoiled food, but signs of sickness were not apparent until the next morning. When the parents discovered that something was wrong, the children were past speaking and could not tell what was the trouble. One child, a year or two old, died in a short time and it was feared for a while that the other three would die. The last report stated that they were improving and would likely recover.

A GOLDEN RULE

Don't knock when a brother has had a downfall, Don't knock when he makes a mistake; You know not how soon you yourself may fall, Or a far worse error make.

Don't judge when you feel a sister has sinned Of how great her sin may be, For you yourself may have also done as she did, Your own sins you may fail to see, Bettie Ward of Baltimore.

Don't listen to tales of slanderous tongues, For many in this take delight; You know not how soon they may lie about you, Then to you it won't seem quite so right, Don't tell all the scandals you daily will hear-- Too many mouths have told them before.

And when they reach you they are nothing but lies-- Don't add to the tale your "one more."

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Test Case Of The Turlington Act

Sam Penny Case Will Determine Whether It Is Unlawful To Make and Sell Cider

The Recorder's Court was in session here on Tuesday, August 24, and again on Thursday, August 26. It is also in session again today. There were only two cases disposed of in this court last week, due to the fact that the superior court was in session here working both day and night in an effort to reduce the large number of cases on the criminal docket of that court.

Solicitor W. H. Massey stated here yesterday that the criminal docket of the recorder's court has grown by leaps and bounds during the last week, and in addition to the regular day next Tuesday, the recorder's court will again be in session here on Thursday, September 2nd.

A case of some importance which the court is expected to dispose of during this week is that of State vs. Sam Penny. It will be remembered that Sam is the man, according to the allegations connected with the case, who sold Gaston Roberts the cider on a recent Sunday which threw him into a drunken frenzy, causing him to assault his wife in a very severe manner. The main point in interest in Sam Penny's case is a test of the Turlington act as it applies to the manufacture and sale of cider. It is reported from the court circles here that no case based on the right to make and sell cider has ever been before the court for trial since the passage of this law in 1923. The defendant, Sam Penny, is represented by W. H. Lyon, of Smithfield and James Raynor of Benson, and the attorneys seem confident that when this case goes to trial the defendant will be acquitted, as, according to their contentions, cider is exempted from the forbidden beverages under the Turlington act.

A detailed report of the cases disposed of by this court will be published in the next issue of The Herald.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE TELLS FISH STORY

Mr. H. A. Watson of Princeton was in the city Tuesday and gave The Herald office a call. Mr. Watson is the Democratic nominee for county auditor. Mr. Watson, however, was not talking politics Tuesday. He was more interested at that time in telling us of a trip he made recently to Lake Mattamuskeet in Hyde county, where they are draining a considerable acreage for farm lands. Mr. Watson said he read in the News and Observer that Ben Dixon MacNeill claimed to have seen seven and a half miles of fish at Lake Mattamuskeet, and hardly crediting the story, he had a desire to see for himself. A trip Tuesday evening. It was very much enjoyed by all.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Mrs. John Creech, of Pine Level, returned home Tuesday after undergoing an operation at the hospital.

Miss Alice Belle Penny who has been spending a two weeks' vacation with her parents near Benson, has returned to the hospital to resume her duties as student nurse.

Miss Effie Mae Jones who is on her vacation at her home near Lake Mattamuskeet, and several of her friends at a chicken fry Tuesday evening. It was very much enjoyed by all.

Miss Virginia Johnson who underwent an operation last week is doing nicely.

Miss Delia Davis, of Four Oaks, is doing nicely after an operation for appendicitis last week.

Miss Evans, of Pine Level, returned home Wednesday after taking treatment here for a few days.

Misses Estelle and Grace Smith, of Clayton, returned home Wednesday after a tonsil operation Tuesday.

Mrs. Edwards, of Princeton, is still improving after an operation some time ago.

Mrs. Oneal, of Zebulon, who has been in the hospital for several weeks, is improving.

The Johnston County Hospital wishes to thank the good people of Johnston county for the many watermelons, cantaloupes, grapes, apples, peaches, cabbage, peas, tomatoes and for the fish fries and chicken fries etc., which they have given the group of nurses.

Cows which freshen in the fall will give ten per cent more milk and 5 per cent more butterfat than the same cows which freshen in the spring, according to dairy extension workers.

PAGEANT AT METHODIST CHURCH IS CALLED OFF

The lecture by Mr. Osborne of India which had been arranged for the Sunday morning hour at the Methodist church and the pageant which was directing for the Sunday evening hour, have been called off. The pastor, Rev. A. J. Parker, will preach at the usual hours.

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Merchants Talk Tobacco Market

Kiwians Leading In A Movement To Build Market Here; Farmers Like Idea of Three Warehouses Here

The tobacco farmers in Johnston county, or at least the majority of the three hundred or more visited by Smithfield business men Wednesday afternoon, are enthusiastic over the fact that three warehouses will operate in Johnston county this season. Practically all of those seen Wednesday, are planning to bring their tobacco here this fall, or at least they expect to give the Smithfield market a fair trial, before taking any elsewhere. The tobacco growers will be loyal to a home market if the home market gives them the high dollar for their tobacco.

This is the gist of the reports brought to the Kiwanis luncheon yesterday served at the Smithfield Hotel. At a previous meeting it was planned for every business firm in Smithfield to have an automobile on the road Wednesday afternoon at which time the stores have been closing, for the purpose of giving out information concerning the tobacco market in Smithfield. The rain somewhat interfered but quite a number of merchants went out and it is thought that the afternoon's work will result in good for the market here.

Mr. W. W. Jordan was the chief speaker at the luncheon yesterday but nearly every one present entered into the discussion of ways and means of making Smithfield the best tobacco market in North Carolina. The Kiwanis Club is making the tobacco market its chief concern at present, and with the cooperation of all concerned its efforts are bound to bear fruit.

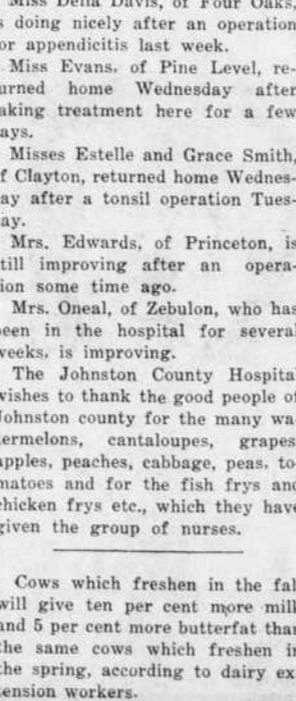
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Wins Decrees at 50



Thirty five years ago James R. Postelthwait, of Chicago, was unable to enter college--but today he has achieved three degrees: D.D., P.S.D.; and M.S.D. He is a train rule operator and studied at home each night.

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Five years ago on September 4, the first special thanksgiving service for Johnston county was observed, the idea being originated by Mr. Chas. W. Horne of Clayton, one of Johnston's biggest and best farmers. The late Judge W. S. Stevens gave Mr. Horne his hearty cooperation and together they stood out as unique in North Carolina. This first thanksgiving service was held in the open on the courthouse square, and O. Max Gardner and J. W. Bailey were both speakers on this occasion. Since that memorable day it has seemed fitting every year that this great county of ours observe a special season of thanksgiving, for as a Johnstonian expressed it recently, "Johnston county never has a bad crop year. Some years are good and some are better, but the crops are rarely ever a total failure."

Mr. Horne is the prime mover in the celebration this year, and a program fitting the occasion is being arranged. Mrs. Chas. G. Guley of Clayton will have charge of the music for the service. The program when complete will be published in these columns.

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The caravan will be accompanied by a brass band, quartette, speakers, etc. These business men wish the farmers in the various sections to meet at the stop nearest to them. They wish to shake hands with them as well as give them a message and some attractive souvenirs.

The schedule for the motorcade is as follows: AUGUST 31st. Archer Lodge, 2:00 p. m. Hare's Store, 3:00. Corinth-Holders School, 3:40. Moore's School house, 4:20. Dixie, 5:10. Glendale School, 6:00. McCalls Store, 6:30.

SEPTEMBER 1st. Selma, 1:25. Brown's School house, 1:50. Micro, 2:15. Paine's School, 2:50. Rains X Roads, 3:25. Baker's Mill, 3:50. Princeton, 4:20. Brown's Siding, 4:45. Wigg's Store, 5:15. Brogden, 5:45. Sanders Chapel, 6:15.

SEPTEMBER 2nd. Cox's Mill, 2:15. Ebenezzer, 2:40. Bentonville Monument, 3:15. Bentonville, 3:35. Preston Davis' Store at old Adams Road, 4:10. New Hope Church, 4:25. Bob Lee's Store, 4:50. Barefoot's Store at Barefoot Bridge, 5:15. Ransom Blackman's, 5:45. Four Oaks, 6:15.

SEPTEMBER 3rd. Blackman's Cross Roads, 2:00. Peacock's Cross Roads, 3:00. Benson, 3:30. Benson's Grove Church, 4:15. Elevation Church, 5:00. Jos. A. Lassiter's Store, 6:10. Edgar Lassiter's Store, 6:10. Oak Grove School, 6:35.

Tees Chapel

Pine Level, Route 1, Aug. 24--The farmers of our section are about through burning tobacco and are pulling fodder now. Cotton is opening fast through our section.

We are sorry that Mr. W. G. Oliver had the misfortune of losing his tobacco barn by fire last Monday. It was full of tobacco.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Moore and son, of Plainview, spent last Friday with Mr. and Mrs. John Kemple.

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Charges Dry League



Representative George Holden Ginkham of Massachusetts demands that Attorney General Sargent prosecute the Anti-Saloon League for violation of Federal Corrupt Practices Act. He claims they spent huge sums to bring about prohibition.

Societies Hear Lecture On Cuba

Joint Missionary Meeting of Sardis and Pine Level Hear Rev. Mr. McGroover

Pine Level, Aug. 24--A joint meeting of three missionary societies, Princeton, Sardis and Pine Level was held at the Baptist church in Pine Level Friday afternoon under the leadership of Mrs. M. E. Godwin. The subject was Cuba. Sardis was fortunate enough to secure Rev. Mr. McGroover, who had at one time lived in Cuba, to make a talk. His lecture was especially interesting.

The following took part on the program: Mrs. Hales and Mrs. Powell of Sardis, Mrs. Barbour and Miss Pierce of Princeton, Mrs. D. B. Oliver, Mrs. C. F. Godwin and Mrs. M. E. Godwin of Pine Level. After the interesting program, Mrs. M. E. Godwin entertained serving fruit punch and water. Pine Level will be glad to have Sardis and Princeton with them and especially the quartette of girls from Princeton who rendered such good music.

RUDOLPH VALENTINO DEAD FOLLOWING AN OPERATION

Rudolph Valentino, the great favorite of the screen, died in a New York hospital Monday following an operation for appendicitis. He lived over a week after the operation.

Valentino's popularity, from the time of his first appearance in a leading part, in the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, was never dimmed.

Thousands of men, women and children jammed the streets outside the Broadway funeral parlors where the body of the actor lay in state after his death Monday.

Funeral services will be held next Monday morning in St. Malachy's Church.

Water from the River Jordan was brought up by airplane from Palestine to London for the christening ceremony of the daughter of the Duke of York. Jordan water was also used at the christening of Princess Ena of Battenberg, the granddaughter of Queen Victoria, and now Queen of Spain--Dearborn Independent.

daughter, spent the week end with relatives near Smithfield.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Tyner and children visited Mr. Joe Tyner's family last Sunday near Kenly.

Mr. and Mrs. Junius Edwards and son spent the week end with Mr. Lonnie Lynch near Progress.

Mrs. J. R. Creech and son, Alton, and daughter, Mildred, and Miss Mary Kemple attended church at Stevens Chapel last Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Rose, of near Micro, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Konrad Kemple, for a short while.

Misses Zora and Mildred Woodall, Messrs. Clyde Davis and Mr. Clarence Bunn spent a short while in Smithfield Sunday afternoon.

Military Funeral Coley To-Day

Was Chined At Cheefoo, China on July 18; Burial in Oakland Cemetery, Raleigh

Selma, Aug. 26--The body of Thomas Howard Coley, son of Mrs. Alice Coley of this city, who was drowned at Cheefoo, China on July 18, arrived in Selma this morning. Funeral services will be held from the Baptist church at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and Elder E. L. Cobb of Interment will be made in Oakwood cemetery, Raleigh. The procession will form at the church immediately after the funeral and will go directly to the cemetery in Raleigh.

The members of the American Legion of the Pou-Parrish post of Smithfield and Selma and also recruiting officers of the U. S. Naval Base of Raleigh will be in charge, and the funeral will be carried out with full military honors.

GRAY ARCHER DIES IN GREENSBORO

Selma, Aug. 25--Friends in Selma received a message Wednesday morning conveying the news of the death of Gray Archer of Greensboro. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Archer who formerly lived in this city. Mr. Archer was superintendent of the Selma Schools before going to Greensboro to accept a similar position there. The death of the boy was caused from spinal meningitis.

LITTLE GIRL IS VICTIM OF PECULIAR ACCIDENT

Friends in Johnston county will be sorry to hear of the death of little Ruth Modlin of Williamston which occurred last week. She was a sister of Mrs. Ralph Lassiter and Miss Dorothy Modlin of the Smith school section, and they have the sympathy of the entire community in their sorrow. The little girl's death was caused in a peculiar manner. Wednesday morning as she was on her way to the market about nine o'clock, a plank fell from the roof of the City Hall which was being painted and hit her on the head crushing her skull and driving a rib of the umbrella which she was holding over her into her neck. She was rushed to a hospital in Washington and an operation was performed but she died about seven o'clock that afternoon. She was only nine years old. There were several witnesses to the accident and the accident seemed to have been caused when ropes that the workmen were using caught in some nails in the plank that was lying on the coping at the base of the building.

PUPILS ENJOY OUTING AT PULLEN PARK, RALEIGH

Pine Level, Aug. 24--The music pupils of Mrs. J. C. Futrell together with a number of other friends, enjoyed a delightful picnic at Pullen's Park, Raleigh, recently. This annual celebration is held on the birthday of Mrs. Futrell's father, Mr. W. L. Creech. This year the honoree celebrated his 64th birthday. The picnic dinner was good and bountiful and all seemed to enjoy the occasion. Those present wished Mr. Creech many more happy birthdays.

The fence corner is the untimely graveyard of many a piece of honorable farm machinery.

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 a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. You must bring copy of this paper in order to secure ticket.

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Walt Lassiter recognized his name last issue.