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## Notice Served On The Herald

Text of Notice Which Comes To This Publication As Result Hartley Statement

Notice has been served on The Smithfield Herald that the article published on the front page of the last issue contains statements that are untrue, and offers this publication an opportunity to retract. The public may be interested in the content of the notice which is as follows:

"To The Smithfield Herald:  
"Please take notice that a certain article appearing in the issue of your paper dated October 15, 1926, in the first column on the front page, contains statements concerning me as Sheriff of Johnston county, which are untrue, libelous and defamatory.

"First, wherein it states, 'And Sheriff Prim Parker took me off to the back steps of the courthouse and he asked me about the arrests I had been making, and then he told me that I would have to go slow. He told me the way to handle reported stills was first to investigate who it was who was running them, and if I found that it was a negro or a Democrat who was running it to go ahead and rush it, but if I found that it was a Republican I would have to be silent about it, as I had already arrested so many Republicans that I was hurting the party badly. I then told the Sheriff that if this was what he expected of me as a subordinate officer, that I thought the best thing I could do would be to resign, and he said he thought so too. He then promised me that he would publish in the papers my exact reason for resigning,' all of which above statements by the said J. K. Hartley are absolutely false.

"The facts are that I notified Hartley to come to the Sheriff's office, and that I informed him that the reports concerning him and his conduct as Deputy Sheriff were so bad that it was necessary for me to ask for his resignation, he declined to resign, and I thereupon removed him.

"The article is further false, scurrilous and defamatory by innuendo in that part of the first paragraph, as follows: 'When a dog bites a man it is not news, but if a man bites a dog it gets a headline.'

"The said Hartley makes a statement that he captured, or assisted in capturing, 67 stills while he was serving as Deputy Sheriff, which statement is not correct, as I am informed that he captured only a few stills, the capture of which met my approval.

"This notice is served on The Smithfield Herald in order to give it an opportunity to retract, as provided for in Chapter 48, Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, said Chapter entitled 'LIBEL AND SLANDER.'  
"J. P. PARKER, Sheriff of Johnston County."

## AUNT ROXIE SAYS—



"Ye can't judge a cheek by de size of his face."

## "On Trial"



Late picture of Almee Sample McPherson, Los Angeles Evangelist who is the center of dramatic court actions. Mrs. McPherson claims she was abducted, but authorities seek to link her disappearance with Kenneth Drastion, former radio operator to Angelus Temple.

## Negro Arrested For Disturbance

Officer Johnson Has Difficulty In Getting Him To Jail; Occurs Early Sunday Night

George Whitley, colored, was placed in jail here Sunday night charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct. About seven o'clock J. F. Johnson, plainclothes officer, was called to John Jones' cafe, a colored cafe on Market street, and was told when he reached there that Whitley had been creating a disturbance but had gone. The officer found him on Market street engaged in a scrap with Sport Woodard, also colored. Johnson undertook to arrest Whitley but he resisted arrest. After about a ten minutes' scuffle, Johnson states, that he succeeded in placing one handcuff on him. In the procedure Johnson struck Whitley with his blackjack. At this juncture Johnson states that fifteen or more negro men rushed up and some called out for the officer not to hit him any more.

Johnson took the one handcuff off and went in search of more officers. R. E. Holt, night policeman, and Will Stevens, who was deputized to assist, accompanied Johnson as they went back to the scene. They found Whitley about fifty yards from Jones' cafe, and in the meantime Whitley had secured an army 45 pistol. He is said to have drawn this weapon on W. F. Rolph, Sr., a tobacconist here, before the return of the officers. Johnson covered him with his gun and with the officers succeeded in placing him in jail.

Whitley is said to have been in court before on several charges and each time was released upon a fine or fine and payment of costs.

Warrants are being issued for the men who interfered with the officer while attempting to make an arrest.

## ENJOY HUNTING AND FISHING TRIP AT COAST

Last week Messrs. C. R. Cable, Jesse Coates, J. T. Coates, R. O. Cotter and J. B. Coates went to Cherry Point on a hunting and fishing trip. On Wednesday, Messrs. C. R. Cable and Jesse Coates killed twenty-two squirrels. Thursday morning Messrs. J. T. Coates, R. O. Cotter and J. B. Coates killed 150 red robins. On Friday Mr. Cable and Mr. Cotter killed 12 squirrels and Messrs. J. T. Coates, Jesse Coates and J. B. Coates killed 25 red robins. While there they caught 75 croakers.

## CAKES WANTED FOR ARMISTICE DAY

The chairman of the cake committee for Smithfield township, for Armistice Day is Mrs. Lee Sanders of this city, and she requests all ladies in the township who will donate a cake for the soldier boys' dinner to please notify her. A barbecue dinner will be served, but the committee wishes to add home-made cake to the menu.

If it concerns Johnston, it is in the Herald

## Former Deputy Is Held For Hearing

J. K. Hartley Is Charged With Criminal Libel and Placed Under A \$1,000 Bond

Former Deputy Sheriff J. K. Hartley, of Boon Hill township, who last week made public a statement that he resigned his office as deputy because Sheriff J. Prim Parker told him to arrest negro and Democratic distillers, but to go slow when he found out the offenders were Republicans, was arrested Saturday and held for preliminary hearing in Recorder's Court on the charge of criminal libel. Bond was fixed at \$1,000. He readily gave bond, his bondsmen being W. W. Stewart, J. R. Creech, and C. T. Hill.

Preliminary hearing will be given today by Judge Ezra Parker, of Benson, judge of the recorder's court. Judge Parker is a brother of Sheriff Parker.

Hartley is a farmer and a Holiness preacher. He has a good reputation. He stated Saturday that he is sticking to his original statement, for it was the truth. His friends say he can give a good account of himself in any court. He has retained as counsel Col. Ed S. Abell, Wellons and Wellons and L. G. Stevens.

The statement and the resulting prosecution are both taken as evidences of the heat of the political campaign in Johnston county.

## LOW SEED PRICES INCREASE RYE ACREAGE

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 18.—The low price of pure seed rye of Abruzzi variety will doubtless greatly increase the acreage to be planted to the crop this fall. One of the reasons for the tremendous increase in the acreage planted to soybeans all over the state this spring was the low price of soybeans last season.

"Good Abruzzi rye seed can now be bought for about the same price as the worthless Rosen rye cost last fall," says E. C. Blair, extension agronomist at State College. "If we could only realize how badly our soils need organic matter and would then consider that three dollars for seed and labor will sow an acre of Abruzzi rye for turn-up under, there would not be a farm in North Carolina without some of this rye planted on it this fall. If the rye is planted now, it will more than pay for itself in the yield of late fall and early spring grazing. Then the benefit from turning it under next spring will be clear profit."

Mr. Blair states that the proper amount to sow is one and one-half bushels per acre. The seed may be drilled in or covered with a disk barrow. A one-horse cultivator is fine for this purpose when the rye is planted between corn or cotton rows.

Mr. Blair states that there is plenty of good Abruzzi rye seed available. Many of the county agents have listed those farmers in their counties who have a surplus for sale.

The low price of cotton will make it imperative for those who grow this crop to make plans to secure their feedstuffs without great expense and rye grown on the home farm offers one of the most efficient ways of doing this.

## DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S COMMITTEE MEETS

The Democratic Executive Committee for women of Smithfield township met in their headquarters in Smithfield Friday afternoon with a goodly attendance. In fact the attendance was much larger than had been anticipated, and the enthusiasm was inspiring. At the request of the chairman, Mrs. F. H. Brooks, outlined a plan of personal work after which Hon. Edward W. Pou made a few remarks. Mr. Pou spoke interestingly concerning the duties and privileges of women in politics.

Several ladies from Wilders township were present who brought good news from that township. The ladies present were Mrs. J. J. Williamson, Mrs. O. T. Liles, and Mrs. A. V. Hinton.

## Selma Mill Catches Fire; About \$1,000 Damage

The Lizzie Cotton Mill in Selma suffered damage in a fire to the amount of about \$1,000, which is covered by insurance, according to information received here yesterday afternoon. The fire which was discovered about three o'clock in the afternoon, was stubborn having caught in the boiler room and burned through underneath, and it required about an hour for the Selma fire company together with the mill fire company to get control of the flames. Mr. W. G. Reynolds is superintendent of the Lizzie Mill.

## Two Jail Birds Make Get-Away

Rope of Blankets and Iron Bar Sawed Through Tell The Story

Sometime between sunset and dawn Sunday night two prisoners confined in the county jail here made their escape, and as yet have not been apprehended. A string of blankets tied together dangling from the top story of the courthouse and a sawed iron bar across the window told the story of how the get-away was made, and when the jailer made a check-up it was found that C. L. Kelly and Ezra Byrd were missing. Blood spots on the cement under the window indicate that one or both of the men may have been hurt in their descent.

It seems that this jail has a number of Federal prisoners which together with the local offenders of the law had overtaxed the capacity of the jail. Forty-two prisoners were lodged there Sunday when the jailer made his last rounds. This large number made it necessary to assign three prisoners to the hospital ward, these being Kelly and Byrd and Charles Morris. Kelly was in jail charged with skipping a bond, having previously been arraigned for some whiskey trouble. His case had not been tried. Ezra Byrd had been convicted of fornication and adultery and had been sentenced to nine months on the roads. Morris who had been in jail for about ten days, made no attempt to escape.

Mr. J. T. Matthews, who operates an electric shoe shop here but who lives across Buffalo, tells the story of giving assistance to one answering the description of one of the men who escaped. About 1:30 yesterday morning Mr. Matthews was called out of bed by a man who gave his name as Parrish. He said he had had an automobile wreck between the Matthews home and Selma, and wanted to get to Goldsboro if possible. He stated that he was leaving his car and would come back for it Monday. The man's right ankle seemed to be in bad shape and also the side of his jaw and one eye.

Mr. Matthews and his son, Elijah, took him to Goldsboro and put him out at a filling station near the overhead bridge across the railroad. Mr. Matthews did not want to charge the man anything for his services, but he insisted on paying him three dollars which he finally accepted. The description fits one of the men who escaped. What became of the other one is not known at this time.

## ADD NEW TERRITORY TO SMITHFIELD ROUTE 2

New territory has been added to Smithfield rural mail route No. 2, and a number of folks are thus enabled to get daily mail service. Mr. R. G. Sanders, who is carrier on this route, has carried the mail since the establishment of this route, twenty years or more.

## TO CLEAN UP CEMETERY

All those who have relatives buried in the cemetery at Antioch Methodist church are requested to meet there on Thursday, October 21, and help clean it off. Those interested are asked to carry necessary tools and be prepared to help.

## Morrison Speaks At Archer Lodge

Ex-Governor Aids In Political Drive; E. W. Pou Roms On Local Republican Officers

By R. E. WILLIAMS, (in News and Observer)

Archer Lodge School House, Oct. 16.—Issues involved in the effort of the Democratic party to redeem Johnston county, which once furnished the largest majority to the party of any county in the state overshadowed State and National questions in a Democratic rally here today which marked the opening of the campaign in Wilders township and the first appearance in the campaign this year of former Governor Cameron Morrison.

State questions were barely mentioned, Mr. Morrison devoting himself to national questions while Congressman Edward W. Pou, the other speaker of the day, confined his remarks to the issues and personalities in the Johnston county campaign.

Mr. Morrison, although an admitted prospective candidate for the United States Senate, has heretofore been mostly actively identified with State questions. However, if his speech today is a fair sample of those he will make on his tour of the State between now and Election Day, he will devote himself to a plea for support of the Democratic party on the basis of a comparison of its national record with that of the Republican party. His only reference to State affairs came in his peroration, which was glowing tribute to the progress made by the State under the Democratic administration of the past quarter of a century.

## Can Pull Through Cotton Slump.

Mr. Morrison got into the question of the present price of cotton for his only combination of State and National matters. "I am grateful to the Republican administration because it did not tamper with the banking and currency laws which were enacted under Woodrow Wilson and the Democrats," declared Mr. Morrison. "But I am not grateful to them for anything else for that is all they have done."

"However, due to the beneficent laws of the Wilson administration, which are still on the statute books, although they are being temporarily administered by the Republicans, we will get through this situation, bad as it is."

"The situation is bad, horribly bad, but it is not nearly so bad as it would have been had it come before the banking and currency laws of the Wilson administration we would have a panic now."

"I do not know about the other states but I am confident that the North Carolina people are so courageous and that our industries are so diversified and that our agriculture is so diversified that we will pull through."

## Given Big Ovation.

Mr. Morrison was introduced by Sam T. Honeycutt, former Register of Deeds, as one who could count on the united support of Johnston county in any further aspirations he might have, received a thundering ovation and the audience rose, when he began to speak. The applause was repeated at the end and someone in the crowd took up the cry of "Morrison" when the Governor omitted his own name from the list of Governors.

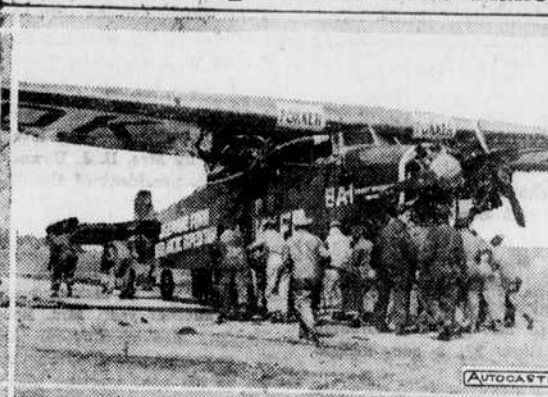
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## FREE! 5 Gallons Gasoline

If the person who has the following N. C. license number will present a copy of this to Holleman Motor Company, local Chevrolet dealers, before the next issue of The Herald they will receive five gallons of gasoline absolutely free. Your license tag reads:

259-668E

## Byrd Touring U.S. in Polar Plane



Many cities and states will have the opportunity to see the history-making plane that Commander Byrd used to fly over the North Pole. Floyd Bennett will accompany Byrd on the trip, which is backed by the Guggenheim Aviation Fund.

## Flower And Yard Queen Marie In Contest Closes United States

Annual Selma Mill Event Characterized By Awarding of Prizes

For several years the awarding of prizes for the prettiest flowers and the best kept yards in the Selma mill village has been an event looked forward to with considerable pleasure by all concerned. The superintendent of the mill, Mr. Geo. F. Brietz, takes a great deal of interest in this occasion which is usually characterized by good speaking, good music and refreshments.

Saturday evening was the date set for this year's celebration, and a goodly crowd assembled in the mill chapel for the exercises which had been planned. The chief feature of the program was the awarding of the prizes. The prizes were divided into two groups, a ten-dollar, six-dollar and four-dollar prize being given for the best flowers, and the same amounts being given also for the best yards.

In the flower group, Mrs. M. B. Blackman took the first prize. Mrs. W. N. Sewell and Mrs. Tom Daughtry tied for next place, and each was given a five-dollar gold piece. Mrs. Walter Eason was awarded the ten dollars for having the best kept premises, while Mrs. I. H. Parrish received the second prize and Mrs. D. J. Biggs, third prize.

Nine ladies were graded from 72 to 77 per cent, and were given salad bowls in appreciation of their efforts. These ladies are: Mesdames J. J. Martin, Elvin Creech, W. M. Stephenson, M. G. Radford, C. C. Turner, J. V. Turner, A. W. Whitely, J. M. Adcock, and H. M. Moore. Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, pastor of the Methodist church, made the presentation speech.

Another pleasing feature of the evening took place when Stanley Armitage, secretary of the mill, presented watch fobs to the baseball team.

Dr. Shirley, pastor of the Baptist church, made an address appropriate to the occasion. Dr. Shirley has recently accepted work in Selma.

For three years the judges in the floral contest have been Mrs. W. T. Woodard, Mrs. T. M. Benoy and Mrs. W. H. Poole, members of the Woman's Club of Selma. A delightful souvenir in the form of an album showing pictures of the yards of the mill village, was presented to each of these judges Saturday evening.

Creech's orchestra furnished the music for the occasion, and at the close of the entertainment ice cream was plentifully served.

## CHAUTAQUA TICKET SALE IS NOW IN PROGRESS

The campaign for selling Chautauqua tickets is now on. The organization has been effected designed to cover the entire town. If for any reason some one fails to solicit a home, tickets can be secured from Mrs. Thel Hooks. It is possible that some may not be at home when the ticket seller calls. School children will be admitted on Junior tickets, and these can be obtained at the school house. The price for single admissions for both adults and children will be 75 cents.

Second Queen To Visit In States; N. C. Lady Invited To Meet Her In New York City

New York, Oct. 17.—Father Knickerbocker today put the final strokes of etiquette to the welcoming program for Queen Marie of Rumania tomorrow.

Three bands and a platoon of mounted police will lead the parade from the Battery to the city hall. Companies of army, marine and navy men will constitute the military escort.

Passengers to occupy the automobiles in the procession have been designated and definite instruction given as to whether members of the reception committee are to sit on the right or the left of the royal visitors in the automobiles. Queen Marie will occupy the first car, with Grover A. Whalem, chairman of Mayor Walker's committee sitting at her left.

In the same car will be J. Butler Wright, assistant secretary of state representing President Coolidge and a special secret service agent. — Associated Press.

New York, Oct. 17.—Mrs. B. Frank Mebane, of Spray, N. C., now in New York, received the following message today via Spray, from Mme. Simonae Lohavary, lady in waiting to Queen Marie: "Her Majesty, the Queen of Rumania, desires you to be at her side when she arrives in New York. Her reception would not be complete without you. This message is sent you direct from Her Majesty."

## MARIE SECOND QUEEN TO VISIT IN STATES

New York, Oct. 17.—Queen Marie's tour of America recalls the only previous visit of a Queen to this country, that of Elizabeth, Queen of the Belgians, who with King Albert and Crown Prince Leopold was the guest of President Wilson in October, seven years ago.

Invited by President Wilson to come to this country as his official guests, less than a year after the Armistice, the royal visitors arrived at a time when the President's illness made cancellation of many of the reception plans imperative.

The King and Queen were in this country only 29 days, but their itinerary crossed the continent from east to west with side journeys to the north. Queen Elizabeth and King Albert made the crossing both ways on the George Washington, the great troop transport of the war.—Associated Press.

Some men tell their wives everything even when they don't know it

## TO VOTERS SMITHFIELD AND JOHNSTON COUNTY

See your registrar and ascertain whether or not your name is on the registration books in your township. Registration books for Smithfield township now open at the Sunday Shoppe, D. Carlton Stephenson, Registrar.

## Johnston Ass'n Moves Up Date

Will Meet With Baptist Center Church Near Clayton Nov. 9 and 10

By REV. S. L. MORGAN

The Johnston Baptist Association will meet with Baptist Center church near Clayton November 9 and 10. This is one day earlier than determined on a year ago. The change is ordered by the moderator and the executive committee because, as announced a year ago, the second day would fall on Armistice day, and it was thought that the great celebration planned for Armistice day this year in Smithfield would seriously cripple attendance on the association that day, including as it does the unveiling of a monument to the Johnston county boys who lost their lives in the World War, with speakers of unusual ability. Let all Baptists who read this take pains to bring this change of date to the attention of their churches.

It should be added that the executive committee, in changing the date, expressed regret at the announcement that on the night of Armistice day, and apparently under the auspices of the American Legion, a great dance is to be given as a part of the celebration. A purpose was expressed to present a resolution to the association protesting against a public dance as a part of the celebration of the day which will forever remain in the minds of countless thousands as a day of the deepest religious significance. Many who feel this will hope that the committee planning for this celebration will yet decide not to inject into it any feature that will shock the religious sentiment which in the minds of thousands must forever attach to Armistice day.

## SENATOR SIMMONS DRAWS RESOLUTION

Will Present Tax Reduction Plan As Soon As Congress Reconvenes.

By PAUL R. MALLON  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
Washington, D. C., Oct. 6.—Democratic talk about a \$300,000,000 tax cut this year over the heads of President Coolidge and Secretary Mellon is developing into a systematic drive of unexpected proportions.

Democrats are now unanimous upon an issue, namely, that the Treasury surplus should be used immediately to lower all taxes instead of being permitted to accumulate until 1928, Presidential year.

The United Press was informed today that Senator Simmons, ranking Democratic member of the Senate Finance Committee, is now drawing a tax cut resolution to be introduced the day Congress reconvenes.

Minority leaders have agreed to force the resolution to a vote, and it appears the biggest fight of the coming session will center around the proposal.

It has not yet been determined just what features the resolution will contain but those back of the movement want it to provide a general and virtually equal reduction upon large and small incomes along the entire line.

Mrs. Ella Baker left yesterday to spend several days with her daughter in Weldon.

## 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.

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(Miss) Florence Boyett recognized her name last issue.